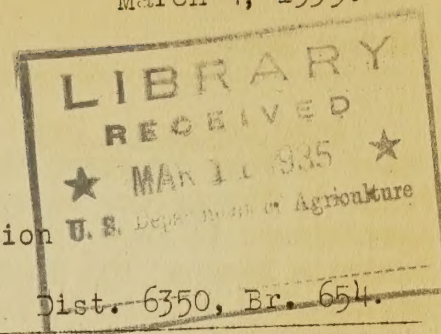


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Editorials

(1) Farm Problem Again.

ST. PAUL, MINN. NEWS. I. 2/15. *** Perhaps the Wallace system by demonstrating the value of control and planning will evolve into a method of production, if not for service, at least at a fair price which will encourage and not discourage consumption -- and production. (715022)

(2) The Test Approaches

WICHITA, KAN. EAGLE. I. 2/18. *** Abandonment of the control of some crops now probably will cause large downturns in the prices of those crops in the next year. One goal of the A.A.A. was to get prices up and then prevent sweeping reductions. Test of the A.A.A. ability to do so is approaching. If the A.A.A. is unable to prevent those price crashes, its system will then look no better than the one under which American agriculture has functioned traditionally. (716313)

(3) Fear Well Founded.

SAGINAW, MICH. NEWS. I. 2/18. *** No subject comes closer to home for most people than the price of food. *** Once they suspect that the increase has gone beyond that point, immediate and vehement protests are to be expected that might have important political and economic consequences. (716884)

(4) Has the A.A.A. Been Too Successful?

N.Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 2/19. *** The A.A.A. is being asked why, if, as it indicates, prices of basic farm commodities have now risen to approximate parity, should not the processing taxes be reduced and the cost of food-stuffs prevented from rising to yet higher levels. *** However, the critical reactions to the recent pronouncement of progress in raising prices should again impress upon the Administration the danger of carrying its price-raising program to extremes. Further readjustment of relative prices of farm and industrial products may still be necessary, but it must be gradual and effected without disturbance to the normal movement of staple commodities into consumption. (714533)

(5) High Living Costs Result in Complaints.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. NEWS. ID. 2/19. The Republicans are fond of saying that Democratic administrations have a way of being accompanied by increasing costs of the necessities of life. *** And, according to some of those who are in close touch with the trends in Washington, many consumers are all too ready to blame the A.A.A., rather than the drouth, for the high costs of beef in various parts of the country. It must be exceedingly difficult for Secretary Wallace to retain a balanced view in the face of all the conflicting demands which come to his desk. *** But it is now the consensus among many observers that the benefits which the farmers have received are just now taking the form of extra bills which the consumer must pay for the necessary commodities which he buys. In such a situation it is inevitable that the Republicans should attempt to transform the consumers' discontent into political capital against the Democrats. *** Secretary Wallace very probably would be able to work out a remarkable

system which would tend to straighten out temporary inequalities almost as promptly as they appear. But such a task is rendered extremely hazardous by the constant bickerings of political enemies whose main concern is to create as much dissension as they can. (716882)

(1) Creating Wealth.

SPRINGFIELD, O. SUN. I. 2/16. *** The secret of profitable trade is not in getting the best of the bargain as white traders usually think they are doing, and not in getting more money for goods sold than is paid out for goods bought, the old balance of trade fallacy, but the creation of new wealth through exchanging the surplus of production in one country for the surplus in another; a state of affairs in which a fair exchange brings equal profit to both parties. (716337)

(2) The Family vs. Bureaucracy.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. POST STANDARD. R. 2/17. The farm homestead is one of the finest and best of American institutions. *** Russia is learning, painfully, that government bureaucracy will not and cannot replace individual pride in accomplishment and the individual's eagerness to provide for his family. It is turning to private initiative. (714550)

(3) Control or Else --

FREDERICK, OKLA. LEADER. D. 2/18. *** America is not going to continue to let others grab off the export market without doing something about it. (716321)

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(4) The Farmer's Dollar.

ATLANTA, GA. JOURNAL. D. 2/15. *** He has received in the last two years the fairest and altogether most intelligent treatment ever accorded him in our government's history. (715648)

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(1) A Vital Factor.

RENO, NEV. JOURNAL. ID. 2/11. A decisive factor in bringing about a stabilization of the agricultural industry has been the activities of the A.A.A.
*** (714532)

(2) What Higher Prices Mean.

DAVENPORT, IOWA DEMOCRAT. D. 2/18. *** Higher prices will mean heavier farm income. That will mean some possibility of getting agriculture out from under the crushing burden of debt that has rested upon it for years. *** (716880)

(3) The Bookkeeping Farmer.

FORT WORTH, TEX. STAR TELEGRAM. ID. 2/19. *** The influence of co-operative associations has been particularly potent in developing farm management. The co-operatives, by bringing specialized knowledge and sound methods to the administration of farm problems, have made great progress, and individual farmers are following their lead. (716357)

(4) The Consumer Pays.

DENVER, COLO. ROCKY MT. NEWS. I. 2/10. Between the farmers who produce food and the consumers, is a wide economic area peopled by wholesalers, jobbers, brokers, processors, warehousemen, retailers and others called middle men. *** Something evidently is askew with the distribution system. If the Federal Trade Commission can help build a straighter and less expensive road from the farmers to the consumers, it will add to its many services rendered to the people. At any rate, Congress should authorize it to get the facts. (19012*)

(5) Agriculture and Business Recovery.

KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 2/18. Good crops sold at good prices not only restore agriculture but reflect a similar condition in other lines of business. *** Farm real estate which was difficult to move has advanced 20 to 50 percent. Demand from renters has increased tremendously. *** New farm homes and other buildings are under construction. New cars are in evidence and an excellent used-car market has been developed. Mercantile stocks have been depleted and renewed. All of these evidences of prosperity, almost entirely dependent on agriculture as a source of income, will be duplicated in every other section of the country where good crops are produced and sold at good prices. The cumulative shortage of goods and materials following ten years of failure to secure production costs of farm commodities has created a demand sufficient to start factories and mills as soon as the buying power of farmers is restored. Similar evidence of the effect of agricultural recovery on business activity is noted wherever a good crop of corn, cotton, hay or tobacco was produced last year. (716333)

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(1) An Important Question.

ELIZABETH, N. J. JOURNAL. R. 2/16. *** The Journal of Commerce says: "Regardless of current progress toward the goal of agricultural price parity, the very severe decline in our agricultural exports constitutes a continual threat to permanent stabilization of American agriculture." (716888)

(2) If Prices go Too High.

BALTIMORE, MD. SUN. ID. 2/18. *** But if prices go too high in relation to existing buying power, the A.A.A. must look for a reduction in consumption, and such a reduction will quite obviously not help the farmer. (18726*)

(3) Food Prices.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA JOURNAL. IR. 2/18. *** With the cost of living ascending and income down, anyone can understand what will be the result. There will be protest, of course. Living will become harder for those millions who are supporting themselves on incomes already reduced. *** The higher prices for commodities would be welcome to the nation as a whole provided income and employment kept step with the advance. (18727*)

(4) The Rising Cost of Living.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 2/6 *** A continuation of this rising trend in the cost of living, furthermore, would be quite likely to curtail retail buying and, consequently, to check the very expansion of consumption and business activity which the Administration is otherwise attempting to stimulate. (18725*)

(5) Effects of Livestock Destruction.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. JOURNAL. IR. 2/23. *** Now the effects are beginning to show in advanced prices to the consumer. Agricultural areas, like that of Minneapolis, are not likely to be found complaining. Congested industrial areas of the East are already beginning to complain through consumers' organizations. *** (18735*)

(6) Farm Prices Up; Budgets Down.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. POST STANDARD. R. 2/15. *** The budgets of housewives in our cities are getting strained. They are not flexible; reduced incomes will not permit of expansion. Prices of food are going up, but the budget is no bigger. *** (714542)

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(1) A.A.A. Food Cost Drive.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. NEWS. IR. 2/18. The A.A.A. seems to be alarmed about the success of its plan. *** The drought will always be handy to explain the failure of the A.A.A. plan to function as expected. It duplicated the crop restriction work of the A.A.A., but left out the tax. *** Now out of the confusion the A.A.A. has emerged with a fixed determination to backtrack. Its main anxiety, is, of course, the welfare of the farmer. The desire for farm prosperity is shared by all the country. And the country looks to the A.A.A. to bring it about. (716881)

(2) Housewives May Revolt.

TACOMA, WASH. LEDGER. I. 2/16. *** With food prices steadily going up while income is practically stationary, there might indeed be cause for a housewife's strike against the A.A.A. *** Possibly in time the American people may awake to the fact that natural laws may not be repealed by official edicts. (716309)

(3) The A.A.A. Bills.

DAYTON, O. JOURNAL. R. 2/16. *** The bills offered at the last session of Congress were bad. The bills offered now are worse. If our farmers, our processors and our distributors are not to be ordered about like the peasants of Russia, the bills must be defeated. The chances are good that they will be. Last year's Senate bill was rejected at a time when Congress was much more disposed to do whatever any part of the Administration asked than it is now. But until either the House or the Senate has definitely rejected the bill it is asked to consider, no one is warranted in feeling certain that the Act will not be amended as Secretary Wallace asks. (716274)

(4) Mounting Food Prices.

LINCOLN, NEBR. JOURNAL. R. 2/18. "Stirred by a rumble of public criticism over mounting food prices the A.A.A. prepared to act upon a finding that the farm prices of 14 'basic' commodities were 24 percent above the prewar 'parity' level," the Associated Press reports. This is a striking development inasmuch as the consuming public is unorganized and it must grumble loudly before any attention is paid to its protests. *** The Administration did provide the consuming public with a consumer's counsel, but the voice of the counsel was not heeded and he had no power. (716310)

(5) Sees No Merit in Restricting Agricultural Products.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. IR. 2/18. *** The American public could use and needs every single commodity that the farms of America could possibly produce if they operated without restriction from now to Doomsday. The Administration could widen the scope of our markets if it possessed the moral courage to defy the force of organized wealth. *** Were it not for this eternal ban upon the prosperity of America, our farmers would be overworked to grow enough to supply foreign

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demands. Only recently we failed to trade Germany a half million bales of cotton, for nitrate makers of America would not permit the transaction. The American public demands to know where are Mr. Hull's much vaunted reciprocal trade agreements? We can answer that by saying that organized trade in America would not permit these trades because of the fact that foreign countries want to sell to us reasonably, and organized wealth is determined upon exploitation. Woe to these wealth moguls if ever the American public decides to wrest the government from the hands of them and their cowardly puppets and set up a righteous and honest rule. (18691*)

News Columns

(1) Chains Improving Sources of Supply.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 2/17. Planned production between distributors and systems features merchandising. Executive says distress goods form small percentage of groups' purchases. (18730*)

(2) Co-ops Market 15 Million Head Livestock in 1934.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. DAILY PANTAGRAPH. I. 2/14. Forty one co-operative livestock marketing associations in 1934 handled and sold approximately 15 million head of cattle, calves, hogs and sheep for 750,000 farmers and ranchmen in every section of the United States. *** (18742)

(3) House in Georgia Votes to Authorize Farmers' Markets.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-UNION. ID. 2/15. (Atlanta, Ga.) (AP) *** The bill enables the commissioner to regulate markets, prescribe grades for the products on sale, to collect fees for operation of the markets, to fix minimum prices at which merchandise in the markets may be sold and authorize him to declare embargoes on fruits and vegetables from out of State when the supply is ample in Georgia, and to inspect all fruits, vegetables and truck crops coming into Georgia. (18689*)

(4) France Would End Grain Price-fixing.

N. Y. TIMES. ID. 2/25. Restoration of free market believed the objective of new legislation. *** (346245)

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(5) Sales of Small Farm Tractors Show Big Gain.

CHICAGO, ILL. DAILY NEWS. I. 2/15. *** (343014)

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- (1) Fighting to Place Agriculture Upon Sound Basis in U. S.

WICHITA, KAN. EAGLE. I. 2/19. Placing American agriculture upon a sound basis is "one of the best answers to the great problem of unemployment," according to F. M. Betz, chairman of the Ninth Farm Credit administration district board of directors. (346076)

- (2) Agriculture is Base of Nation.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. DAILY PANTAGRAPH. I. 2/24. The farm is basic and most important in preservation of the nation, said S. H. Thompson, former pres. of the Am. Farm Bureau Federation, at the closing session of the Illinois Farmers' Institute. (18734*)

- (3) Business Rise of 45% shown by Credit Banks.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 2/23. The volume of business of the 12 Federal intermediate credit banks increased 45 percent in 1934 over the preceding year, according to W. I. Myers, governor of the F. C. A. (346074)

- (4) Refinancing is Boon to Farms Under Big Debt.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. STATE JOURNAL. IR. 2/17. *** A total of 109 Illinois farmers, having an indebtedness of \$1,376,492.01, were refinanced during January by the agricultural conciliatory committee. (18690*)

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- (5) Gov. Olson Slap at A.A.A. Follows Wallace Plea.

ST. PAUL, MINN. PIONEER PRESS. I. 2/15. Governor charges U. S. set-up bungled after Secretary urges co-operation. *** Price-fixing for agricultural products and farmer ownership of markets were demanded by Governor Olson at the annual meeting of the Minn. Assn. of Local Creameries. *** (344655)

- (6) High Farm Prices Hurt Consumer.

CHICAGO, ILL. HERALD & EXAMINER. I. 2/15. (By B. C. Forbes) Washington should give more support to industry. Beef and pork and bacon have soared to the highest prices in several years. (18729)

- (7) Processors and Packers in Arms Over 'Left Swing' in A.A.A. Act Amendments.

CHICAGO, ILL. DAILY NEWS. I. 2/15. (By Paul R. Leach) *** (343015)

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- (1) Hits Regime of A.A.A.
SEATTLE, WASH. STAR. I. 2/15. The consumer is playing the role of the "forgotten man," under the Washington A.A.A. because his only protection, competition between the wholesaler and retailer, has been swept away. *** (344654)

- (2) South Asks Eastern Mills to Aid Fight to End Process Tax.
N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 2/21. *** (345966)

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- (3) Adjusting Cotton Policies.
WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 2/16. *** Significant changes in the A. A. A. policy may be forthcoming, when Mr. Johnston concludes his survey. If an international agreement proves impracticable the United States will be forced to compete with foreign producers or gradually withdraw from the world market. Considering the upheaval that the latter policy would bring about in the South, it can be contemplated only as a last resort. (18694*)

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- (4) Optimist Views Cotton Situation.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-UNION. ID. 2/20. *** American cotton stands first in the estimation of the manufacturers, and it is predicted that there will return a heavy demand for Southern grown staple as the world returns to normalcy. (716320)

- (5) Tariffs and Cotton Control.
SHREVEPORT, LA. TIMES. D. 2/14. *** When the producers, carriers and other groups which have looked askance upon A.A.A. control put the full force of their influence behind the doctrine which Secretary Hull preaches, the prospects for a constructive solution of the problem which foreign cotton output presents will be far brighter than they are today. (715013)

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- (6) Processor Tax has Become Menace to Cotton Industry.
NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 2/5. *** (18723*)

(1) Cotton's Plight.

DETROIT, MICH. FREE PRESS. IR. 2/11. *** The blight that has fallen upon cotton and its sharecroppers is an unhappy illustration of the effects of Governmental interference with free competition. (19011*)

(2) The Cotton South.

FARGO, N. D. FORUM. IR. 2/22. *** If the present experiment is continued many business leaders of the South hold that the problem will become increasingly difficult of solution. (716889)

(3) The Processing Tax Handicap.

LOWELL, MASS. TELEGRAM. I. 2/17. *** The manufacturer is paying a processing tax and the consumer is paying a magnificent sales tax as a result of the Government policy of playing to the cotton planter and the agricultural districts. It evidently is about time for the members of all parties in this neck of the woods to stand up on their hind legs and demand a fair deal as a complement of the New Deal. (716327)

(4) Learning a Lesson.

LAWRENCE, MASS. TELEGRAM. R. 2/16. *** The processing tax has increased the cost of fabrication of cotton textiles to an extent that we cannot compete on foreign markets and those markets have been completely lost to us. In order to supply a demand from a South American market, a New Bedford mill has been forced to move its plant to Argentina; thus reducing the industrial employment of labor in New England by about two thousand. This incident indicates the present tendency, and a serious one for New England, of industry to move to the markets rather than shipping the finished goods to them. (716328)

(5) A Prediction Fulfilled.

KANSAS CITY, MO. JOURNAL POST. I. 2/12. Critics of the A.A.A. predicted that crop and export restrictions would permit foreign growers to steal our growers' market. World wide announcement that this prediction has come true was made by the London cotton exchange when it broadened its futures contract to include non-American cotton. This is the first time that this has happened in a century. But with American prices pegged at 12 cents through the Bankhead loans, traders on the London exchange cannot get sufficient quantities of American cotton to fulfill their futures commitments. *** As a result, the purchasing power of Americans dependent upon foreign trade has been injured, thereby prolonging the unemployment in our industrial centers. *** And the London cotton exchange is permitting futures contracts to be fulfilled with non-American cotton. (715014)

(1) Cotton's Critical Problem.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 2/16. Taking the position that American cotton interests can no longer disregard the serious threat of injury from the loss of foreign markets, J. H. McFadden, president of the New York Cotton Exchange, paints a startling picture of conditions now existing in the world cotton trade. So grave is the situation and the threat of disaster is so national in scope, warns Mr. McFadden, that "it is time that not only the few millions who are interested in cotton, but our citizenship at large, should know something about it." *** The decrease in foreign consumption of American cotton and the increased consumption of foreign-grown staple has already created a serious situation and one that will, should the ratio of increase and decrease be continued, bring about a grave threat to America. The loss of our foreign cotton markets is not a sectional problem, for whatever of good or evil exists in the present situation has a direct effect of our economic structure. *** If we lose our cotton exports, the favorable trade balance will disappear and every business and financial interest in the country will suffer. *** (18746*)

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(2) Changes Proposed in Cotton Trading.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 2/3. Improvement in the form of contracts on the New York Cotton Exchange and extension of the facilities of the Export-Import Bank to aid in liquefying merchandise in foreign countries in order to enable foreign buyers to purchase United States cotton are among changes advocated to increase the movement of United States cotton abroad. (18721*)

(3) Cotton Exports Need Boosting, Dealer Declares.

AUGUSTA, GA. CHRONICLE. D. 2/17. H. W. Orvis, N. Y. Exchange, says other nations are cutting in. *** (344680)

(4) Cotton-picking Device Arouses Fears in Delta.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 2/17. Threat to Negro labor is seen in mechanical invention. *** (18732*)

(5) British Answer Feared by U. S. on Cotton Plan.

WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 2/16. Johnston plans for trip; indicates pessimism on reduction pact. *** (18693*)

(6) Great Britain Ships More Cotton Goods.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. ** 2/15. Yarn exports also show gain -- rayon industry in better position. *** (18695*)

(1) Cotton Ginners Protest Administrative Costs.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 2/22. (Washington) The House Agriculture Committee delved deeply into the problems of the ginner who has complained of having to bear part of the administrative cost. (18733*)

(2) Rodgers in Appeal for Sharecropper.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. IR. 2/14. Ward H. Rodgers of Marked Tree, youthful storm center of the Eastern Arkansas landowner-sharecropper controversy, urged members of the Workingmen's Union of the World to stand by the evicted sharecropper. *** Rodger's itinerary includes Bryant, where he plans to address a Socialist meeting, and St. Louis to continue talks sponsored by the Socialist party. Norman Thomas, Socialist leader, will finance a brief tour, he said. *** (18688*)

(3) Bankers and Brokers Warn of Critical Threat to Supremacy of Am. Cotton.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. ID. 2/24. (By Haynes McFadden, Secretary Georgia Bankers' Association) in the Southern Banker. *** The question which concerns every American citizen, especially the cotton farmer, is: What is going to happen when the load becomes top-heavy and the government is forced to abandon the present experiments? If this does not occur in the very near future, it will be too late. We will wake up some day to the fact that we have lost our export markets and that Brazil and other countries have supplanted us. For many years now, cotton has been in our country, "the goose that laid the golden egg." It seems inconceivable that we should now pat her on the back and tell her to fly away and lay her eggs somewhere else. (18731*)

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(4) U.S. Slaughter of Hogs Hit by Group Leader.

BUFFALO, N. Y. COURIER EXPRESS. I. 2/13. No one is benefitting from the A.A.A. program which restricted the production of hogs. The Government action coupled with results of last summer's drought have brought the hog population of the country to its lowest figure in 50 years. *** (342977)

(5) What Critics Say of A.A.A. in Ohio.

CLEVELAND, OHIO PLAIN DEALER. ID. 2/18. Plain Dealer corn-hog poll finds old disagreements on relief still live. (By John A. Crawford) Farm relief, that old battle cry from the Midwest plains was impressive because of its persistence and because the chorus of Farm Bureau, Grange, Farmers Union and co-operation association leaders was pretty generally out of tune. *** (344686)

G R A I N

Editorial

(1) The Barring of Cutten.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. POST STANDARD. R. 2/16. *** Cutten has a seat on the Winnipeg grain exchange. United States authority does not extend that far. There might be some reciprocal courtesy invoked to keep him off but such an effort is regarded as most improbable. *** He can still continue to operate on a big scale and doubtless will. (716582)

News Columns

(2) Drought Deposes U. S. as World's Grain Merchant.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 2/4. Historically a great exporter of grains, the United States within the last year has been converted into an importing nation, opening up a new market to foreign countries which formerly competed with us for world markets. (18722*)

L I V E S T O C K

Editorial - Pro

(3) Hoo-ray.

EMPORIA, KANS. GAZETTE. R. 2/5. About the best agricultural news that can come to this country is that the outlook for the cattle industry is the best in several years. Cattlemen are actually saying that prospects are good, and they are adding fewer qualifications to their optimism than in many moons. *** (18692*)

News Columns

(4) Warns Farmers Against Direct Live Stock Sale.

CHICAGO, ILL. TRIBUNE. IR. 2/24. (Bloomington, Ill.) Ox cart days in live stock marketing may return to the United States if farmers continue the practice of dickering as individuals with expert organized buyers under the so-called direct buying system of packers. This warning was given by C. G. Randell, live stock marketing authority of the F.C.A. before the annual meeting of the Illinois Live Stock Marketing Assn. (346075)

(5) Argentina is Seen Buying Equipment.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 2/6. Campaign to increase hog production expected to lift purchases. Anticipating an abundant corn crop, the Banco de la Nacion -- Argentina's Government bank -- has inaugurated an extensive campaign for encouraging hog production. (18724*)

L I V E S T O C K

News Columns - Pro

(1) Stockmen Optimistic Over 1935 Outlook.

WICHITA, Kans, BEACON. I. 2/17. State leader sees upturn for farmers. Optimism over the 1935 outlook in livestock values, which since the first of the year have scored sensational advances, was expressed by J. H. Mercer, sec'y of the Kansas Livestock Assn. *** (344705)

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(2) Watermelon Growers Favor Market Pact.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 2/15. Much benefit is expected to follow A.A.A. agreement. *** (18744*)

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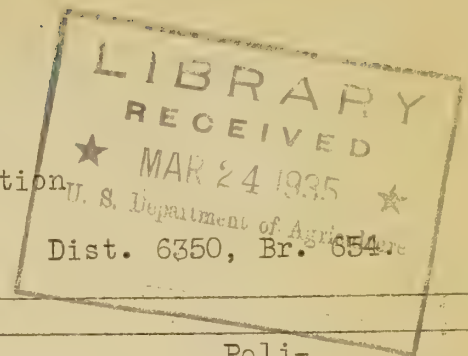
(3) Milk Decision Delay Stirs up Threat.

BURLINGTON, VT. FREE PRESS. IR. 2/19. Rep. Plumley indignant at failure of A.A.A. to pass upon Boston market license amendment. (345427)

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Editorials

(1) Wallace Endorses Small Farm Idea

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. NEWS. ID. 2/25. *** The program suggested by Senator Bankhead and endorsed by Secretary Wallace represents an objective toward which the South ought to move with as much dispatch as possible. (720047)

(2) In Our Market Basket.

LOUISVILLE, KY. COURIER-JOURNAL. I. 2/14. Only the extremely thoughtless are included among those who contend that this country is capable of self-containment. *** Examination of our exports and imports seems to prove conclusively that much of our own and the world's prosperity and well-being is based primarily on world trade, and the fewer restrictions there are to hamper this exchange of commodities, the greater our progress. (19287*)

(3) Our Dependence on Exports.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 3/2. *** No more vital problem faces the U. S. than the solution of the problem of how to regain our dominance in foreign markets. What that solution will be is yet to be determined -- but it must be found. (19416*)

(4) Cooperatives.

RENO, NEV. JOURNAL. ID. 2/24. Significant is a statement from Washington that the cooperative movement in agriculture has reached such a high point of success in the Far West, particularly in California and adjoining territory, that a number of the long established marketing cooperative bodies are now serving as a model for other sections of the country. *** There is no doubt but that the cooperatives are proving a big factor in solving an important phase of the farmers' problems. (719755)

(5) We Take it Back.

MACON, GA. EVENING NEWS. D. 2/20. (From the Moultrie Observer) We take back all we have said or intimated about farmers being blind to their own interests, about their being indifferent; about their being disinclined to cooperate to improve their conditions. The farmers have looked like they were indifferent and single-minded, but they have only been wanting a real opportunity to benefit themselves. *** Every time there is a meeting of farmers in Moultrie of late to consider some proposition of planting or marketing in unison, we are bowled over by the large number who attend, by the interest they take and by their very unanimous and decided action. They have their heads together, at last, and their hearts together also. *** What, after all, is liberty to do as you please good for when there is nothing you can do that does not put you further in the hole. Watch the farmers rise. (19417*)

(1) Co-ops Not Political.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. JOURNAL. IR. 3/1. Minnesota is the foremost State in the Union in the development of cooperative marketing. The business of the "co-ops" has grown steadily with the years, and it is asserted now that there are more than five thousand cooperative organizations in the State, doing an annual business of more than three hundred million dollars. *** There is no political issue involved. The formation of cooperatives is purely an economic question. The way is open, and the field is a free one. The cooperatives have grown and are growing. *** It is true that these new political friends of the co-ops are proposing to exempt the cooperatives from taxes. But this involves again the source of our tax revenue. When all big business is State-owned, or Government-owned, and all little business is done cooperatively, there will be nothing left to tax, save perhaps the farms and private homes. (19410*)

Editorials - Pro

(2) The Rise in Farm Prices.

ATLANTA, GA. JOURNAL. D. 2/20. *** The New Deal has kept its pledge to agriculture, and in so doing has added a mighty impetus to the nation's economic recovery. (717480)

(3) Secretary Wallace's Visit.

ASHEVILLE, N.C. CITIZEN. ID. 2/23. The visit to Asheville of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace is appreciated by the people of this city and by the people of the entire mountain region of which Asheville is the capital. Readers of the CITIZEN do not have to be told how highly this newspaper regards the Secretary of Agriculture. There is no thinker in America at the present time with which this newspaper has found itself so consistently in agreement. (717601)

(4) Farm Products Prices Increase.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-UNION. ID. 3/2. If Administration leaders and economists of the country have been accurate in their statements that economic recovery in the U. S. is largely dependent upon restoration of stable agricultural conditions by bringing about higher prices for farm products, the people of the country can be assured that the battle against the depression has been almost won. *** (19404*)

(5) A Change Takes Place.

LINCOLN, NEBR. STAR. I. 3/1. *** A year or two ago the idea of a land owner making a principal payment on his loan before it was due would have been inconceivable. Legislatures were enacting moratorium laws and farmers were in despair. Prices of agricultural commodities were far below the cost of production and nothing was being done to remedy the situation. But a change has taken place and confidence has displaced despair. The farmer may not agree with every phase of the recovery program, but he knows that the power to put him on an equality with industry; hence his confidence in the future. Two years ago if he had had in his possession money which could have been applied on the undue principal of his loan, he would have hung onto it, fearful that it might be necessary to ward off starvation. Now he pays and cuts his interest charge. He feels that he is nearly out of the woods. (19280*)

(1) We Need the Facts.

BISMARCK, N.D. TRIBUNE. R. 2/28. *** The main idea is to investigate the income of farmers and of food processors and examine into the workings of the marketing system, matters about which there has been much discussion in recent years. *** In view of the fact that agriculture still is our most important industry, we can not know too much about the factors which affect its prosperity. By following our grain, livestock and other produce from the farm to the consumer's table in an intelligent manner we may learn much that will be of benefit to all parties concerned. (19406*)

(2) If Politics Takes Charge.

GREENSBORO, N.C. NEWS. I. 2/27. *** If and when the independent A.A.A. finds its hands tied, its decisions overruled and its factual calculations upset by politics, further and other troubles, not likely to be shaken off so easily, will be upon us. (720482)

(3) Farmers' Relief, Fickle or Permanent?

DALLAS, TEX. FARM & RANCH. -- 3/1. *** We need more farms owned by the farmer and fewer owned by some wealthy company. Why can't Uncle Sam spend some of his money that he is wasting and place it in a much needed spot where permanent good will be received from it. Help the farmer in a lasting way by backing him up in a land deal where he can at least know that he will have a reasonable chance of owning a farm. Give the American farmer a decent chance and he will provide for himself and the rest of the world also. *** While we have a cooperative administration in office, let's secure some permanent good out of it. Let's get an old age pension, a home-ownership plan, and then let's get a home where we may raise everything that we can for our own use, and live in it and beautify it, and the depressions of the future will not hurt like the depressions of the past. (Letter from reader, signed: Art Gilbert) (19414*)

(4) Dizzy Food Prices.

JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 3/6. *** A.A.A. restriction programs, drought, and the cut in the gold value of the dollar have combined to bring the rise in farm prices. Those prices are up about 95 percent from the low point of the depression. As a result, farmers are able to buy more of the products of city industry, and their purchases help to give employment to the city people who need to buy their products to live. *** However, the A.A.A. looks for growing city agitation against the high cost of living and against further cuts in farm production. They take the attitude that so long as city industry cuts production by closing down factories and throwing people out of work, farmers likewise must cut production to keep their output more nearly in line with demand. (19401*)

(5) Farm, Road Equipment on Display.

WICHITA, KANS. BEACON. I. 3/5. *** Thousands of farmers from the agricultural region of the Southwest viewed the latest mechanical aids to agriculture. *** Officials of the show are confident that this exhibition will rank high in point of interest and sales of farm equipment. *** (19405*)

(1) Worse Than Plowing Under.

AKRON, O. BEACON JOURNAL. R. 2/27. *** For the first time in its history, drought and A.A.A. restrictions on production, have transformed the U. S. from a heavy exporter into an importer of feed and foodstuffs for 1934 and 1935. (720467)

(2) Washington Notes High Food Prices.

GALVESTON, TEX. NEWS. ID. 2/18. *** The farmer is entitled to returns commensurate with those received by other classes of the population. But exorbitant living costs resulting from an artificially induced scarcity constitute an imposition on consumers which certainly doesn't hasten general recovery. (717477)

(3) A.A.A. Reaching Out.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE. R. 2/20. *** The worst of it is, as Senator Borah pointed out, that while the consumer is feeling the pinch, the net benefits to the farmer are much less than governmental functionaries proclaim. When once the farmers wake up to the situation, Secretary Wallace will find himself the target of more criticism even than Postmaster General Farley. (717481)

(4) They'll Find Out.

ERIE, PA. DISPATCH-HERALD. IR. 2/21. The apprehension being exhibited by the high command in the A.A.A. set-up about what the American housewife will be saying and doing shortly concerning the rising food prices is no idle fear. If any of the A.A.A. generals have been keeping their delicate ears open, they already have heard rumblings more ominous than cheering. *** But the easy assumption that the American people could be herded and fed what the Government considered convenient always seemed bizarre, and it looks still less sensible now that a tendency to question the general wisdom and efficiency of the New Deal is becoming one of the ever present troubles of the Administration. *** (719731)

(5) Parity or Pottage?

WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 2/17. In reply to complaints against the high price of food the A.A.A. has announced that it is not considering adjustment of any farm program now in effect. *** Wheat shipments abroad in December had declined to one-sixth of the prewar volume; hams and bacon to 15 percent. Cotton exports were the smallest since 1917. Animal products moving abroad show a decline of 50 percent in the last year, and the record for unmanufactured tobacco is similar. These factors do not appear to influence A.A.A. policy to any great extent. Its emphasis is still upon attainment of a theoretical "parity" with domestic industry, as the law requires. But it is becoming more urgent every day to reflect upon the emptiness of farm parity if it means a progressive withdrawal from the world markets in which our surpluses previously have been sold. (19390*)

(1) Prices Laugh at Control.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. CHRONICLE. R. 2/18. *** According to the plans of A.A.A. to bring runaway prices down it is proposed to abandon for a year or longer control of products the prices of which have unduly soared. That certainly does not shorten the time. It is merely relying on the old economics to cure the condition directly resulting from artificially produced scarcity. (19398*)

(2) Our Export Trade.

N. Y. RURAL NEW YORKER. -- 2/23. An increase of our export trade through mutual agreements with foreign countries sounds attractive until we get down to particulars and write down the names of the products to receive in exchange at reduced tariff rates. *** (19411*)

(3) Cutting Production.

LOWELL, MASS. COURIER-CITIZEN. NP. 2/26. *** When it comes to effecting an actual scarcity in a country which has abundant resources for the supplying of all the food that can be eaten, one may well feel that the matter has been carried altogether too far. *** (72004)

(4) Importer of Food.

HOUSTON, TEX. POST. D. 2/26. *** Any policy that compels a country with the agricultural facilities and possibilities possessed by the United States to buy part of its food supply elsewhere is seriously open to question. *** (719733)

(5) What is Net Worth of A.A.A.?

LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 3/5. *** The A.A.A. is very wide in its application. It is almost impossible to know all about the device. The public is not concerned so much with the past of A.A.A. as with its future. Of its past some say one thing and some another. Deepest concern is how the device will work in the future. *** When A.A.A. production-control policies are considered, the question that confronts those who ponder them is whether their continuance will not be destructive rather than helpful to agriculture in general. *** Domestic consumption has fallen and the wheat export demand is almost nothing. *** Artificial prices have killed cotton export and that is the main dependence in cotton. *** The drought and increase in corn prices have reduced meat offerings to the lowest in 50 years. (19415*)

(6) Dangers to All Business in A.A.A. Amendments.

CHICAGO, ILL. NATIONAL PROVISIONER. -- 3/2. It is doubtful whether any proposal ever brought forward in this country from a responsible source exceeds, in breadth of potential authority granted, the powers contemplated in proposed legislation now before Congress which would apply to all processors, distributors and handlers of all agricultural commodities and their derivatives and competing commodities. There are at least 100,000 processors and manufacturers who would be subject to licenses under the provisions of the proposed amendments. In addition, the amendments would include within their scope a total of 62,500 wholesale establishments engaged in the handling of only one or more of the basic agricultural commodities and competing commodities. *** (19420*)

(1) Shying at Enlarged Farm Control.

KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 3/6. The action of the agricultural and dairy committees and the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in opposition to several proposed amendments to the A.A.A. shows a stirring uneasiness among business men against the extension of Government regimentation. *** The local committees and board of directors are making no attack on the A.A.A. as now functioning. But there is an evident conviction that the proposed A.A.A. amendments are unnecessary and contain elements of danger not only to the farmer and food handlers, but more than likely to the Act itself. (19400*)

News Columns

(2) Would Replace Tenant System.

RALEIGH, N.C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 2/15. Southeastern Council urges provision for raising rural standards. Governors of seven southern states were urged by the Southeastern Council to include \$20,000,000 for the raising of rural life standards and for the replacing of the farm tenant system with home ownership when the new PWA allotments are requested. *** (19284*)

(3) To Launch Study of Farm Problems.

RALEIGH, N. C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 2/15. *** Craven County farmers will launch a definite program of study of farm problems as they have to do with those fundamental changes in national and international policies of government. *** (19283*)

(4) Farm Corporation Profited in 1934.

MACON TELEGRAPH AND NEWS. D. 2/3. (Sandersville, Ga.) E. A. Holmes, sec'y of the Growers and Cannery, Inc., a farmer-owned and controlled corporation has made public his report for the 1934 season. *** (19402*)

(5) Truck Farmers to Arrange System Saving Millions.

MACON, GA. EVENING NEWS. D. 2/14. Truck farmers and business men are planning a state organization designed to keep in Georgia about 50 million dollars annually spent outside the state for vegetables. *** The principal aim of the state organization will be to enable farmers to engage in vegetable raising on a cooperative basis. Other purposes include better marketing methods and passage of legislation considered necessary for vegetable growers. *** (19403*)

(6) Co-operative Farm Lobby Proposal Passed by Senate.

BISMARCK, N.D. TRIBUNE. R. 2/15. Approved 36 to 11 over minority protests that bill is 'class legislation'. A Senate proposal appropriating \$25,000 for creation of a co-operative agricultural association to promote legislation of benefit to farmers rode through the North Dakota senate and headed for the house despite vigorous protest of minority members of the assembly. The vote was 36-11. *** (19286*)

(1) Farmer Called Greatest Labor Employer, Most Free Money Spender in World.
ST. PAUL, MINN. PIONEER PRESS. I. 2/13. His lack of funds hurts all. ***
(19408*)

(2) Land Dearth Holding Back New Tenants.
DES MOINES, IOWA REGISTER. IR. 2/17. Forces many to move to cities;
increase of jobless seen. *** (19393*)

(3) Land Use Program Should Rest Upon Research Science.
DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 2/14. (By Victor Schoffelmayer, Agric.
Editor of the NEWS) In a recent address before the Institute of Public Affairs
in Dallas, Director A.B. Conner of the Texas agricultural experiment station
system made the following statement: "Although we do have enough knowledge and
information upon which to base the beginnings of a land-utilization policy, we
do not have enough to justify a rigid and inflexible plan which may involve such
features as zoning, or the wholesale redistribution of large groups of our
agricultural population." *** (19394*)

(4) The Meat Problem and A.A.A.
LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 3/6. Reexamination of the A.A.A. is to
the fore these days. Comment concerning the successes and failures under the
A.A.A. plan can hardly be considered "talking politics", inasmuch as both parties
are considering adjustments in the Act. *** Those whose judgment may be re-
garded as sound say the way for agriculture is not through artificiality, but
through restoration of foreign markets and through a lessened exploitation of
farms for immediate cash returns, such as have been necessitated by high farm
indebtedness, and extremely high farm valuations. (19399*)

News Columns -- Pro

(5) Life of Farmer Attracts Many.
LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 2/28. Back-to-land movement is sweeping
Midwest; price of farms rises. (Kansas City) (19418*)

(6) Coming Tariff Pacts to Help Our Trade.
NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 2/17. With the log jam broken, the State Department
expects rapid progress and beneficial results. (By Henry F. Grady, Chief of
Tariff Section, Dept. of State) *** (19292*)

(7) South and West States on Mend, Babson Asserts.
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH TRIBUNE. I. 2/15. Utah among areas showing business
improvement, expert finds, in farming and mines. (By Roger Babson) *** (19291*)

(8) March 1st is Moving Day for Tenant Tillers Over State.
LINCOLN, NEBR. STAR. I. 3/1. Demand for farms seen in practically all
sections of Nebraska. *** (19282*)

(1) Farm Buying Aid Spurred.

DES MOINES, IOWA TRIBUNE. IR. 2/13. The movement to elevate farm tenants to the status of landlords, of the utmost financial and social significance in Iowa, has received impetus from Senator Bankhead of Alabama who has offered to Congress a bill to create a billion dollar farm tenant homes corporation. While Bankhead offered the bill, to finance purchase of farm lands by tenants, many of its sections are understood to have been written by M. L. Wilson, assistant secretary of agriculture, and Secretary Wallace has manifested a great interest in the measure. *** (19040*)

(2) Food Price Advance is Well on the Way.

MIAMI, FLA. HERALD. ID. 3/3. Two years of Roosevelt Administration finds much sought-for increase. *** (19423*)

News Columns - Con

(3) Consumers' Ire Faces A.A.A. as Prices Soar.

WASHINGTON, D. C. TIMES. I. 2/25. *** (19289*)

(4) If U. S. Kills Trade Abroad, Will it Cure Our National Ills?

ST. LOUIS, MO. GLOBE-DEMOCRAT. I. 2/24. No, says a noted economist, pointing to Germany, which failed in her goal of self-containment. (By Neil Carothers, Professor of Economics and Director of the College of Business Admin., Lehigh University.) *** (19290*)

C O T T O N

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(5) Tenant Representation.

MEMPHIS, TENN. PRESS-SCIMITAR. I. 2/22. It is too bad that the A.A.A. thinks that the report made by its investigator, Mrs. Mary C. Myers, of farm tenant conditions in Arkansas is "too hot" to be made public. The report ought not to be suppressed. *** It is good, tho, to learn that the A.A.A. is setting up appeal committees to which Southern tenants and landlords may have their differences growing out of crop control adjusted. But the A.A.A. should certainly see that the tenant gets equal representation on every committee. *** (718316)

(6) Protecting Our Innocence.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. RECORD. I. 2/26. The tender sensibilities of the public must be sheltered from the Facts of Life in the cotton belt. *** For months there have been well-substantiated charges that landlords have taken payment for crop reduction and then evicted share-croppers from their land without passing along any of the A.A.A. benefits. Secretary Wallace, quite properly, though somewhat

belatedly, moved to investigate those charges. The investigation has now been completed and it is generally believed in Washington that the report finds that the charges are true. *** No, that can't be the real explanation of Secretary Wallace's secrecy. He either is afraid that publication would shock the nation too badly -- or else he fears a wave of indignation that would end the whole tragic farce of crop reduction in the midst of want. (717491)

News Columns

- (1) U. S. C. of C. Urges A.A.A. Cotton Loans Below Open Market.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 3/2. *** Future loans on domestic cotton by any governmental agency should be made on a basis below the current or "reasonably expected" open market price if America is to regain her former position of prominence in the world cotton market, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce declared. *** (19407*)

News Columns - Con

- (2) Famine Trails A.A.A. Plans in Cotton Fields.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS. STANDARD TIMES. I. 2/20. Thousands of Dixie's sharecroppers evicted from homes. *** (346540)

- (3) A.A.A. Gets Blame for Injustices to Cotton Growers.

DES MOINES, IOWA REGISTER. IR. 2/18. F.E.R.A. instructor says sharecroppers cannot use bales they produce *** (19392*)

- (4) Eight million Look to Roosevelt to End 'Peonage'.

N. Y. WORLD-TELEGRAM. I. 2/21. Sharecroppers in South declared biggest challenge to New Deal. *** (346591)

- (5) Employment in Dallas Cotton Trade Cut 25 Percent Under A.A.A.

DALLAS, TEX. NEWS. ID. 2/22. *** (346538)

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- (6) Milk Flows Towards Demand.

HARTFORD, CONN. TIMES. ID. 2/25. A regrettable embarrassing situation has arisen in Connecticut because of the threatened flood of cheaper milk from New York state. *** (720473)

D A I R Y

News Columns

(1) Co-ops Increase Milk Business in Milwaukee.

MADISON, WIS. CAPITAL TIMES. I. 2/25. Farmer-owned cooperatives are making rapid inroads in Milwaukee and farmer members are getting a record return for their product, a report by the state department of agriculture declares. Farm cooperative organizations are now distributing 16 percent of the total Milwaukee fluid milk volume with a record return to the farmer from one plant last year of 54.7 cents for every dollar spent for milk by the consumer. *** (1928*)

News Columns - Con

(2) To Fight Processing Tax.

ST. PAUL, MINN. DAIRY RECORD. -- 2/27. National ass'n to oppose any levy on butterfat. Any efforts to levy processing taxes on creamery patrons will be vigorously opposed by the National Ass'n of Local Creameries. *** If there is a movement under way to make it possible for the A.A.A. to levy processing taxes on any agricultural product, regardless of whether any benefit payments are made to producers of such products, nothing will be left undone to defeat such a proposal. *** (19418*)

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(3) Board Attacks Processing Tax for Livestock.

NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE. IR. 2/23. (Chicago, Ill.) Opposition to the government's processing tax on livestock was expressed at a general airing of all policies before the advisory board and directors of the United States Livestock Ass'n at its second annual meeting. (19288*)

(4) Livestock Men Fight 2 Phases of A.A.A. Program.

TOPEKA, KANS. DAILY CAPITAL. R. 2/28. To go on record against process tax to pay grain benefits and new amendments. *** (19409*)

(5) What Farmer and Livestock Raiser Thinks of Powers Asked.

CHICAGO, ILL. NATIONAL PROVISIONER. -- 3/2. Criticizing the proposed amendments to the A.A.A. as a "flagrant violation of the bill of rights," Dan D. Casement, Manhattan, Kans., dirt farmer, and nationally-known breeder and feeder of Hereford cattle, declared that they were "a manifestation of the autocratic impulse which previously has been rare in free America." *** (19419*)

(1) Ranchers Flay U. S. Control.

WICHITA, KANS. BEACON. I. 3/7. Kansas livestock men want to work out their own problems. James Tod, Maple Hill ranch owner, who recently returned from Washington where he met with a committee of cattlemen, flayed the processing tax suggested by Secretary Wallace. "We are against such a tax and will continue to fight it. This tax can do us no good and would eventually cause the rancher more harm than the drought." If the government would let the cattlemen handle their own cattle, the affairs could be arranged without any aid from the Government. *** (19470*)

M I S C E L L A N E O U SEditorial - Pro(2) On Increasing Tobacco Acreage.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. JOURNAL. ID. 2/27. *** Secretary Wallace and his aids have the long view which is essential to the placing of the tobacco growing industry upon a sound permanent marketing basis. And the farmer who would live tomorrow as well as today, will choose to follow this leadership. (720477)

Editorial - Con(3) Now a Curb on Potatoes?

HARTFORD, CONN. TIMES. ID. 2/26. *** It is fair to say that the potato industry is not to be denied the trial of an experiment made available in other soil crops if it wants to have that privilege. But for its own good, that industry might well look deeply into the effect of price-lifting schemes. They do not ring true to the natural order of soil crops. (720827)

News Columns(4) Strikers in Lettuce Area Lead Fight.

MADISON, WIS. CAPITAL TIMES. I. 2/18. Legion claims outbreak due to activity by communists. (El Centro, Cal. AP) *** (19285*)

(5) Argentine Corn Acreage, Yield, Set New Record.

CHICAGO, ILL. DAILY NEWS. I. 2/21. Expect big imports to offset U. S. drought and A.A.A. program. *** (19391*)

(6) Pork Boycott Results From A.A.A. Program.

CHICAGO, ILL. TRIBUNE. IR. 3/3. Boycott of pork by the public in retail markets is resulting from the high prices forced by shortage of supplies, resulting from the A.A.A. slaughter of hogs last year, aided by the drought. * * * (350411)

(7) Production Cut, Grain Imported for First Time.

WASHINGTON, D.C. POST. I. 2/25. Drought and restrictions bring change in 1934 in U. S. position. *** (19395*)

(1) Beet Marketing Opposition Looms.

LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 3/1. Michigan sugar-beet growers ass'n is making drive against contracts. *** Farmers will not sign up contracts to any great extent until contract field labor and the price per acre is settled upon. *** (19412*)

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(1) Rising Food Prices.

YORK, PENN. DISPATCH. IR. 3/7. * * * Actually in the A.A.A. and elsewhere the Government is fostering high prices. The theory on which it is acting is, that if and when prices generally get back to the prevailing levels of 1925 and 1926, production and consumption will more nearly balance. Then, it is assumed, there will be gainful employment at fair pay for all able bodied who desire it and prosperity will be with us again. (723862)

(2) Warring With High Prices.

LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 3/12. * * * Both the industrial world and the raw material world continue to war against each other with high prices, when it is low prices that would cause produce to flow. (19706*)

(3) Curtailment Stirs Anxiety.

COLUMBUS, O. DISPATCH. I. 3/3. * * * Grain and meat surpluses are unhappy brakes on prices but there must be a better way of handling them than by exposing two great industries to the risk of scarcity resulting in loss, first of the foreign and then the domestic market to foreign competition. (722858)

(4) Prices Outrun Incomes.

SALT LAKE CITY DESERT NEWS. I. 2/26. * * * Prices are not excessive, not too high to compensate the farmer for his past losses; but the trouble is that incomes have not risen to anywhere near the extent of the rise in the cost of living. * * * Poor people cannot afford to pay high prices for food materials unless wages increase proportionately. * * * (721313)

(5) Outlook For Still Higher Prices.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-UNION. ID. 3/15. "More of the family budget will need to be apportioned for food this year" says the United States News. "The result, A.A.A. officials think, is going to be an outcry in the cities against further crop curtailment. Even now the average housewife is paying 34 percent more for food than she paid for that same food in March 1933". * * * This is bad news for almost everybody; the farmers may not get the increase in price of farm commodities -- but they will have to pay the higher prices for many things that they do not raise. * * * And the people wonder what will be proposed next. * * * (19710*)

(6) Fish vs. Pork.

BISMARCK, N. D. TRIBUNE. R. 3/8. Hard on the heels of recent advances in the price of meat comes organization of the fish and sea food institute of the United States to encourage larger use of fish and sea food and to emphasize its economy, food value and taste. * * * As the price of one food rises, consumers turn to substitutes, thus preventing any one item from getting very far out of line. (19699*)

(1) Cost of Food.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 3/1. * * * In considering the record of price changes it is fair to look at another side of the picture. In the Spring of 1933, when the present Administration came into power, prices of farm products had been under persistent liquidation for forty-two months. During this period they had fallen twice as far as prices of manufactured goods. The unmistakable effect of this uneven distribution of losses was to upset price relationships previously established, to reduce the purchasing power of millions of people dependent for their livelihood on the production of foodstuffs, and to intensify and prolong the depression, incidentally jeopardizing mortgages and other assets based on the value of farm property. * * * The influences operating simultaneously -- A.A.A. restrictions programs, bad crop weather, improvement of purchasing power in urban areas, devaluation of the dollar and the natural rebound of prices from a panic level -- farm prices have risen by no less than 95 percent. * * * Rising food prices, following on the heels of deliberate curtailment of food crops, would seem to be an almost perfect formula for political dissatisfaction. (19496*)

(2) Farmers Should Speak Out Now.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. PROGRESSIVE FARMER. -- 3/35. Perhaps never before in American history has it been so important for farmers to investigate, study, learn, decide and act as right now. As Secretary Wallace has just said: "It is time when we must not take the things sent out from the extension service, the experiment station, the A.A.A., and the Secretary of Agriculture, as facts final and forever. Give them the respectful hearing they deserve, but if they are not right, help find what is right." * * * The phrase, "We should have ten thousand debating societies in America," is one that farmers all over the Carolina and Virginia should take up now -- and do their part to make a reality. * * * Each grange would do well to have some open meetings to discuss these issues and invite non-members to join them in bringing proper pressure to bear on our legislatures, Congress, and our agricultural officials in Washington. (19701*)

(3) The Seesaw Off Balance.

CHARLOTTE N. C. OBSERVER. I. 3/6. * * * The cost of living has outtrotted the earning capacity of the people to keep up with it and thus again another exchange of the same old limited dollars has been encouraged with the consumers on the losing end of the bargain. (723864)

(4) The Vital Spark.

SEATTLE, WASH. STAR. I. 3/5. * * * All trade is based on the consumer's willingness to buy. If he won't, there's no way to make him -- except, perhaps, by reducing the price. Intelligent business strives constantly to reduce prices, in order to stimulate more business. * * * (723865)

(5) Too Bad Low Prices Don't Go With Good Times.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. GAZETTE. ID. 3/12. * * * It is legitimate to insist that there should not be too big a spread between what the farmer gets and what the consumer pays. But in general prices are determined by supply and demand. Food prices are higher now than they were two years ago because the country has not now the surplus of foodstuffs that existed then. But the country has more prosperity than it had then. * * * (19708*)

(1) They Want Compulsory A.A.A.

DETROIT, MICH. FARMER. - 2/16. From Washington comes word that farmers of the northwest are asking Sec'y of Agriculture Wallace to make the Government's program of controlled crop production compulsory, and require every producer who raises above a stated amount of any affected crop to sign a contract. * * * Whether one favors or condemns the idea, certainly he must admit that it is a long ways from the principles on which our pioneers founded this great nation. Perhaps their ideals are no longer suited to our use. On the other hand, our generation may be getting out of step. Time alone will tell. (19622*)

(2) Potentially Dangerous.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA TRIBUNE. I. 3/2. There is one provision in the pending amendments to the A.A.A. which middle-western members of Congress should consider carefully before accepting it. The TRIBUNE believes in the broad principles of A.A.A., considers that a temporary program of crop control is necessary to restore a balanced condition between consumption and production and promote parity between agricultural and industrial price levels. But we must not blind ourselves to inherent dangers. We must not underestimate human capacity for greed and avarice. We cannot take too much for granted. (722876)

(3) The Federal Will.

WICHITA, KANS. EAGLE. I. 3/2. * * * There is a considerable Kansas sentiment to the effect that the mortgage moratorium should terminate at the earliest possible moment because private loans will not come into a state where a moratorium is in effect. * * * Many folks have been arguing for a long time that America's great need was for a strong central government. We have it now. And there is a deep and growing concern as to whether it is for the best. (722905)

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(4) Balance is Necessary.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA TRIBUNE. I. 3/5. * * * Now that production and consumption have been brought into balance so that the natural law of supply and demand will function, the A.A.A. becomes of imminent and increasing importance. It is absolutely necessary to maintain some sort of check on production until normal conditions can be restored throughout the world. * * * But unrestrained production would upset everything that Dame Nature and law have done to improve the position of agriculture. We cannot regulate Nature, but we can regulate the acts of men. And it is nothing short of national interest that agricultural production be kept in balance with consumptive demand. * * * This is no time, therefore, to let down on A.A.A. On the contrary, it is time to strengthen it and render it more effective as a means of protecting our great fundamental industry, agriculture, from the greed and avarice that is inherent in us. Income that enduring farm prosperity which we have long sought and mourned because we found it not. (723857)

(1) Gains for Georgia Farms.

ATLANTA, GA. JOURNAL. D. 3/5. * * * Improvements in the agricultural conditions of Georgia and adjacent States during the last year are continuing, with added impetus, in 1935. They augur most happily. (723870)

(2) Two Seasons of Adjustment.

FERTILIZER REVIEW, WASH. D. C. 11/34. * * * The present Administration was the first to give farmers sufficient incentive to act collectively in bringing production into line with effective demand. The farmers responded well and rapidly. As we approach another crop season, it may be well to point out that the success of further recovery efforts will depend largely upon the continued cooperation of individual farmers. (19621*)

(3) Frazier Farm Act is Valid, Court Rules.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-UNION. ID. 3/14. (Kansas City, AP) Federal Judge M. E. Otis upheld the constitutionality of the Frazier-Lenke amendment to the Federal Bankruptcy Act today in a decision hailed by farm leaders as certain to stimulate corn belt interest in this form of agricultural relief. * * * (19695*)

(4) Encouraging the Live-at-Home Movement.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS EXPRESS. ID. 2/21. * * * Stimulating the flow of money into the State was not the most useful service which the A.A.A. rendered. More lasting benefits will be gained from the stimulus to the live-at-home movement. * * * (721865)

(5) Drought Kickback.

ROCKFORD, ILL. STAR. I. 3/5. * * * One ray of hope is seen in the more generous provisions of the Government for feed loans. Through these we may be able to salvage meat on the farms which is very badly needed and then begin the slow rebuilding of our herds in the hope that eventually we may be able, with a whole continent as a barnyard, to free ourselves from the necessity of importing meat. (723887)

(6) Salvage From Farm Credits.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. JOURNAL. IR. * * * The peak of the foreclosure era seems to have been passed, and the trend of the foreclosed land now is back toward private ownership. * * * (721908)

(7) Farmers Aided by Debt Scaling.

LONG BEACH, CAL. PRESS-TELEGRAM. I. 2/23. One of the many reasons for returning prosperity to agriculture is that farmers' debts have been scaled down \$65,000,000 through voluntary cancellation by farm creditors, the reduction averaging 26 cents on the dollar. * * * The mortgage on the old homestead apparently has been scotched, for the time being at least. * * * (721366)

(1) Demand for Farms.

LINCOLN, NEBR. STAR. I. 3/7. * * * A feeling of confidence pervades the entire agricultural region and the source of that feeling is well known. The A.A.A. program may not have been perfectly worked out, but it has been of untold advantage to the people of Nebraska, and they are conscious of that fact. Without it there would have been wholesale abandonment of farms and unthinkable misery and suffering. It has brought Nebraska through the worst crisis since grasshopper days, if not in its entire history. Land is land again. (19506*)

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(2) Man vs. Supply and Demand.

TERRE HAUTE, IND. STAR. R. 3/1. Policies of the A.A.A. have achieved some success. That is, prices of some farm commodities have moved up with greater rapidity than they might have moved without Government interference. The example that most readily suggests itself is the case of hogs. * * * The whole business is a gradual process of elimination whereby we may ultimately have eliminated even the farmer. He will not be permitted to raise anything and we can all starve to death together. (721861)

(3) The Tragedy of A.A.A.

TACOMA, WASH. TIMES. I. 3/2. The effects of trying to outsmart nature by "regulating" food production and prices are becoming apparent -- as they became apparent after every such attempt since history started. * * * We have thrown away too many millions; done too much damage already. The sooner we are relieved of the whole tragic A.A.A. mess the better. (722856)

(4) Scarcity vs. Abundance.

KANSAS CITY, MO. STAR. I. 2/25. * * * Under the illusion that everything was overproduced we set to work through the N.R.A. and A.A.A. on restrictions. But common sense tells us a nation gets rich only by increasing production. It cannot get rich on scarcity. * * * (19837*)

(5) The Menace of Heavy Spending.

KANSAS CITY, MO. STAR. I. 3/1. * * * Let the Administration correct the harmful features of the N.R.A. and the A.A.A. Let it drive to open foreign markets. Let it cut out extravagant expenditures for public works. Let it administer necessary relief in connection with other agencies as economically as possible. Let it show a sincere and effective purpose to get back to a balanced budget as soon as may be -- in brief, let it strike off the shackles now holding back business. Then recovery would come! (19491*)

(6) H. C. L. Comes Next.

CHARLESTON, S. C. POST. ID. 3/1. * * * When the experts of A.A.A. set out to reduce the surplus they did not count on a great drought or a plague of insects and perhaps they think that Nature did not play fair in bringing these into the game. Nevertheless there they are and the consumer must pay the cost. (722385)

(1) Regimentation.

SALEM, O. FARM & DAIRY. -- 2/8. Farmers who voted to be regimented may find themselves along with other farmers who did not vote on crop control, to be the most conspicuous example of governmental meddling if A.A.A. amendments are passed by Congress and certain policies are carried out. * * * Carried to its logical conclusion it is not beyond the realm of reason to find a farmer being paid an armful of stove wood for the doubtful privilege of trying to produce wealth by plowing under fertile acres of growing crops. And, ironically, all of this is being proposed because a majority of voting farmers marched up to the voting place and demanded loudly and longingly that they wanted to be regimented. (19625*)

(2) The Crop Control Plan.

ELIZABETH, N. J. JOURNAL. R. 2/28. * * * The farmers see that their prosperity depends, not upon crop elimination and regulation, but upon the prosperity and buying power of the neglected business and industrial centers. (721856)

(3) Meddling Madness.

TWO RIVERS, WISC. REPORTER. I. 2/28. * * * Funny it doesn't occur to some of the political "controllers" of business, dismayed at the results of their theories, that the way to get around the suddenly-discovered difficulties is to abandon control, and let the time-tested machinery of ordinary normal business function in the way it knows best. * * * The healthiest agricultural product industry in the country today is the dairy industry -- and that is almost the only one that has thus far evaded the clumsy hand of the bureaucratic controller. (721859)

(4) Put an End to the A.A.A.

SEATTLE, WASH. STAR. I. 2/26. The state legislature should kill the new A.A.A. bill and toss the whole A.A.A. setup on the junk heap where it belongs. * * * (721334)

(5) Processing Tax Unpopular.

KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 3/14. Both producers of hogs and consumers of pork have objected to the \$2.25 processing tax. It must be assumed that somebody pays the tax. It is quite logical for the man who buys pork to feel that his chops cost more than they would if no tax were assessed. It is equally natural for the producer to feel that hogs would bring better prices if the tax were not imposed. * * * If it is necessary to continue benefit payments in the future, either some provision for assessing taxes against the commodities benefitted should be devised or the benefits should be paid out of the general funds of the treasury. It does not seem entirely equitable that producers of one commodity should be benefitted from taxation of a group or groups producing an entirely different product. (19705*)

(1) Opposing Wallace's Plans.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. STATE JOURNAL. IR. 3/12. Pending proposals for amendments to the A.A.A. have intensified opposition to that measure. They would give to Secretary Wallace authority heretofore denied by the Congress, and persons who fear they would be adversely affected are writing protests to their congressmen and to the newspapers. They want to head off extension of further power to Mr. Wallace and his agricultural control organization. * * * (19707*)

(2) The Right Hand and the Left.

ST. LOUIS, MO. POST-DISPATCH. ID. 3/1. A large reason for the confusion now attending the execution of the Roosevelt program is the fact that in many cases things have not been thought through. We have seen different schemes working at cross-purposes -- the A.A.A. and N.R.A. for example. * * * It all comes down to this: The stop-gap measures of the Administration, however useful some of them may have been in meeting emergencies, are not parts of any consistent pattern. Too often they cross out one another. The country needs a clearer sense of direction at Washington. (722860)

News Columns

(3) Reviews Growth of Rural Relief into Rehabilitation Plan.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 3/10. Desperate plight of wage hands, tenant farmers, and small landowners led to present program of homesteaders' communities. * * * (19509*)

(4) Minnesota Takes over 4,000 Farms.

CLEVELAND, OHIO PLAIN DEALER. ID. 3/4. (St. Paul, Minn.) Minnesota, first state to enact a farm mortgage moratorium law halting foreclosures, nevertheless has played the "villain" role in more than 4,000 foreclosure cases in the past twelve years. * * * Of the farms taken over, more than 75 percent are operated on a crop share basis by their original owners, and the remaining units have been leased to other farmers on a similar basis. (19633*)

(5) A.A.A. Hopes in Balance.

KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 3/7. Congress shows hesitancy in granting more powers. * * * Congress is showing a hesitancy over the granting of more power to the Dept. of Agric. and the A.A.A. to license the processors and handlers of farm commodities. * * * Among processors and handlers there is little opposition to the granting of licensing powers to the Sec'y of Agric. where marketing agreements are approved by those handling more than 50 percent of a product, but there is a strong objection to the provision which would permit the imposition of a license merely where a hearing on a proposed marketing agreement has been held and the President approves. * * * (19510*)

(1) Farm Bankruptcy Act has Backhand Effect.

WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 3/5. (By Hilding Siverson) * * * The Frazier-Lemke farm moratorium law, conceived in sympathy for the farmer's plight, it was projected into the already chaotic economic situation with a view to staving off disaster. Doubtless the framers of the law were sincere in this desire. However, it is not likely that they foresaw all the difficulties that follow when long established practices are overturned. * * * (19638*)

(2) Farmers Visit Capitol to Ask Legislative Aid.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. STAR. I. 3/7. Governor is cheered as he lauds their militant action. After a day in which a strange cavalcade of roughly-dressed and grim constituents from Minnesota's agricultural belt dominated its corridors and chambers, the state capitol returned to an outward show of normal lobbying and lawmaking today. * * * (354930)

News Columns - Pro

(3) Improved Farm Conditions Reduce Families on Aid.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. STATE JOURNAL. IR. 3/7. Industrial activity shows advance in six counties. * * * (19503*)

(4) Co-op Big Aid to Farmers.

LINCOLN, NEBR. STAR. I. 3/8. * * * (19507*)

(5) Co-ops Jump from 40 to 70 in Two Years.

MADISON, WISC. CAPITAL TIMES. I. 3/12. An increase in membership from 46 local cooperative associations to 70 in the past two years was reported at the fourth annual meeting of the Wisconsin Livestock Shipping Federation. * * * (19700*)

(6) 40 Apply for Farming Loans.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AGE-HERALD. ID. 2/23. Since the first of the year to date the Bank for Cooperatives has received 40 applications for loans totaling more than \$1,000,000 as compared with only one application for the same period in 1934 according to the president of the New Orleans Bank for Cooperatives. The loans will be made to purchasing and marketing associations in Mississippi and Alabama. * * * (19497*)

(7) Earl Smith Speaks for A.A.A. Changes.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. DAILY PANTAGRAPH. I. 3/9. Pending amendments to the A.A.A. were supported by E. C. Smith, pres. of the Illinois Agric. Ass'n during a discussion in the house committee on agriculture at Washington. * * * (19715*)

- (1) Farm Bureau Head Assails A.A.A. foes.

BISMARCK, N. D. TRIBUNE. R. 3/7. (Washington AP) E. A. O'Neal, pres. of the American Farm Bureau Federation, told the House Agricultural Committee that attacks against proposed amendments to the A.A.A. were inspired by interests opposed to success of the present farm program. * * * (19714*)

- (2) High Percentage of Loans Repaid.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. GAZETTE. 3/13. Arkansas farmers making good record, F.C.A. field supervisors report. * * * (19690*)

- (3) Farm Buying Rises 505 percent.

LOUISVILLE, KY. HERALD POST. I. 3/5. U. S. Land Bank reports 128 sales in January and February. * * * (355037)

- (4) Farm Prices at New High.

JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 3/12. * * * (19698*)

- (5) Say Farm Prices are Beginning to Climb.

TOPEKA, KANS. DAILY CAPITAL. R. 3/2. Real Estate dealers over state optimistic. Most reports show 10 to 30 percent advance over same period last year. * * * (19499*)

- (6) Nearer Farm Goal.

KANSAS CITY, MO. STAR. I. 2/21. Surpluses are fading. The Government's crop reduction campaign found effective ally in drought. A dark side of picture. Much of burden has been borne by Government, while 700,000 are on relief. * * * (19502*)

- (7) Trade Trends Found Good in Prairie Area.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA TRIBUNE. I. 3/1. (By Roger Babson) Agricultural sections of South and West show effect of recovery despite drought, business expert declared. Business in the Central West is very good. With the possible exception of the South, conditions have improved in the prairies more in the last year than in any other section. When we have a good farm year, then business in the prairie states is bound to be good. * * * (19493*)

- (8) Says Farmers See Their Past Folly.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 3/6. * * * "Our method of control has taught many lessons which show the benefits of cooperation even if we do not have an entirely voluntary control," Dr. Butler said. "Farmers are learning something of their strength in bettering their conditions when they work together." * * * (19508*)

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News Columns - Con

(1) People's Lobby Hits Rising Food Costs.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 3/4. (Washington) Presidential support for the proposed Frazier bill, which would create a Government marketing corporation, was demanded by the People's Lobby through its president, John Dewey. The Marketing corporation, according to the bill, would be empowered to buy farm products in this country, process them, and sell them here and abroad, in order to end what the lobby calls the "almost prohibitive costs of foodstuffs." * * *

(19500*)

(2) High Food Cost Again Problem for Americans.

WASHINGTON, D. C. HERALD. I. 3/4. Every family feels pinch of mounting prices; incomes found not keeping in step. * * * (19492*)

(3) Farm Prices.

CLEVELAND, OHIO FARMER. -- 3/2. Farm prices in the U. S. are now above parity (1910-14 levels) but prices of things farmers buy are still higher, and the farm dollar has but 85 cents purchasing power. * * * (19512*)

(4) The A.A.A. asks Again.

WALL STREET JOURNAL. -- 2/28. (By Frank Kent) In view of the wide apprehension among the great mass of consumers over the rise in the cost of food, it would seem the part of good judgment in those who dominate and operate the A.A.A. to go a little slow in insistence upon further extension of power. * * * Perhaps better than anything else in the New Deal the A.A.A. demonstrates the complete futility of believing that such experiments can be made by a nation and then discontinued when they turn out costly failures. * * * (19495*)

(5) Doesn't Understand It.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. STAR. IR. 3/4. (Readers Column) A.A.A. is to investigate increase of prices. It would be laughable if not so serious to the majority of our citizens -- investigate a result and desire of their own creation. It is just about the same idea as if the Rockefellers demanded an investigation of their own corporations to make them sell their products at a less figure. * * * (Signed: William Smith, Peru, Ind.) (19634*)

(6) Warning to Farming Belt.

KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 3/13. Capper foresees a drive to force food prices down. But statistics show that farmers are not yet getting enough for products. A warning to the farm belt to be prepared to meet organized effort to beat down the price of food stuffs was sounded today by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas. * * * (19696*)

(1) "This Orgy of Destruction of Food * * * How Long is the American Public Going to Stand for It?"
BALTIMORE, MD. SUN. ID. 3/5. * * * The destruction of crops and live-stock through the A.A.A. has raised prices of the very necessities of life for the working man to a point where he can barely exist. * * * (Letter from reader, signed: E. F. Baldwin) (721858)

(2) Roosevelt "Trying Hard but Off the Track"
LITTLE ROCK, ARK. GAZETTE. ID. 3/13. * * * (19694*)

(3) Mark Sullivan's Letter.
PHILADELPHIA, PA. INQUIRER. I. 3/4. * * * If A.A.A. is kept, much additional grief is ahead for Mr. Roosevelt. The cost of living, having already risen materially, is due to go some 10 to 15 percent higher in the next few months. Higher cost of living will lead to diminished buying of farm products. Diminished buying will lead to the necessity of further reducing the amount grown. And so the vicious circle will repeat itself in an ever tightening spiral of restriction and regulation. Both N.R.A. and A.A.A. and several of the other New Deal experiments are of a nature such that they cannot exist within the framework of the American Constitution, the American form of society, and the American habit of mind. (19498*)

(4) Court Holds A.A.A. Void in Rhode Island.
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-Union. ID. 3/14. Federal Judge denies power of Congress to regulate intra-state business. (Providence, R.I. UP) * * * (19697*)

Editorials - Pro

C O R N - H O G

(5) Will the Consumer Follow?
CLEVELAND, OHIO FARMER. -- 3/2. * * * We need a balance between production and what the trade will take at a fair and reasonable price, thus avoiding the extreme ups and downs of the hog-price cycle that we have had for decades. That is what the A.A.A. is trying to do in its adjustment plan and we hope that it succeeds without having to adopt a compulsory program like that of the cotton states. (19511*)

(6) Processing Tax.
CHICAGO, ILL. PRAIRIE FARMER. -- 2/16. Do you remember when a processing tax on hogs was first proposed, the livestock commission men sent out thousands of circulars opposing it, and that if such a tax was levied, hogs wouldn't be worth 1 1/2¢ a pound? Well, the tax was put on and hog prices started up. They are still going up. Probably they will say it was not propaganda, but self-preservation. Well, some groups would like to be well-preserved, even if agriculture dies. (Readers Column, signed A. L. Keene, DeKalb Co.) Their real objection is probably against having farmers raise fewer hogs for them to handle, rather than against the processing tax. (Editor's note in Readers Column) (19717*)

C O R N - H O G

Editorials - Con

- (1) Argentine Corn for Johnny Cake.

HARTFORD, CONN. COURANT. R. 3/2. * * * Two years ago we were vainly seeking to export our surplus of grain; now we are bringing in grains from foreign lands. Perhaps it is no wonder that there should be renewed unrest in our great agrarian States, and that the New Deal should be questioning the practical results of its first major achievement, the A.A.A. (721325)

- (2) The Hog Raiser's Disappearing World Market.

DAVENPORT, IOWA DEMOCRAT. D. 2/7. * * * Increased production abroad is an element in the new trade situation. * * * If the new movement toward reciprocal trade agreements can put American hams and bacon back onto the tables of Europe, and American lard into their kitchens, we might again realize some of the advantages that should be ours from living in what is the world's greatest corn-producing region. * * * (19624*)

C O T T O N

Editorials

- (3) Arkansas' Cotton Quota.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. DEMOCRAT. D. 3/4. * * * Our exports have been dwindling rapidly since Government loans marked up the price of cotton to 12 cents. * * * Our foreign customers have been turning to cheaper foreign growths, the production of which has shot up substantially. We must bolster up the cotton situation in other ways than with Government payments alone. We must find more sources of farm income, and we must take out the production cost of cotton all the expense for food and feed that we can. (723873)

- (4) Billion to Abolish Land Slavery.

BROCKTON, MASS. ENTERPRISE & TIMES. NP. 3/7. Secretary Wallace's unqualified indorsement of a proposal to lend one billion to tenant "farmers" of the South comes after a somewhat general exposure of slavery nearly as stark as the sale of human beings on the auction block. * * * These people represent 54 percent of the nation's farm population. (723875)

Editorial - Pro

- (5) Help or Hush.

MEMPHIS, TENN. COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 3/5. * * * Business men, farmers and good people generally around Marked Tree are now forming an association to take care of unemployed sharecroppers. A survey is under way. Landowners of their own free will will have agreed to increase the number of sharecroppers on their farms by 10 percent or 20 percent above last year. * * * Instead of singling out a community at such a time and swooping down on it with a lot of wild ideas and loose talk, stirring up class hatred and discontent, it would be the part of good sense and real service if Mr. Thomas and his kind would buckle down to a purposeful effort to help. They might well take a note from

the lecture of Federal Judge Vaught at Oklahoma City when he sent a group of agitators to jail, "The trouble is that most of you have been more interested in making agitating speeches and stirring up trouble than in looking after the public welfare. If everybody would do as you have done -- interfere with the carrying out of the laws -- there wouldn't be any Government left in this country." (19632*)

News Columns

(1) Cotton Industry Welcomes Survey.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 2/27. "Outside conditions" blamed by many mill men, but others score management. Removal of processing tax might mean demand from buyers for lower quotations. * * * (19636*)

(2) Prices Unstable in Textile Trade.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. TIMES PICAYUNE. ID. 3/11. Plans under way for long term balanced output. * * * (19703*)

(3) Brazil May Sell Cotton to Japan.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 2/28. Attempts to sell 150,000 bales of Brazilian cotton annually to Japan are being made by Brazilian interests who have recently completed trade contracts with Kobe importing firms, according to the Santos Cotton Bulletin. * * * (19490*)

News Columns - Pro

(4) Co-op Confident of Future of American Cotton.

JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 3/13. * * * (19693*)

(5) Cotton Heads Ask N.R.A. Continuance.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 3/12. Nearly 100 representatives of Northern mills approve resolution. * * * (19704*)

News Columns - Con

(6) Farm Tenant Probe Appeal Irks Futrell.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. DAILY OKLAHOMAN. ID. 3/14. Norman Thomas asks quiz to reveal Arkansas' "bad" conditions. (Little Rock, Ark. AP) * * * (19711*)

(7) America's Position as World's Premier Cotton Producer Wanes.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES UNION. ID. 3/15. * * * (19709*)

(8) Cotton Experts Doubt Efficiency of Federal Plans.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, BOSTON, MASS. NP. 2/13. * * * Dr. A. B. Cox, director of the Texas Bureau of Business Research and recognized throughout the

world as an authority on cotton marketing, declared that the American cotton crisis is deepening. He pointed out that Secretary Wallace, in announcing the Government restriction program, in reality has notified foreign competitors to proceed full steam ahead for at least one year with their increased cotton production program. * * * (19620*)

(1) The Cotton Program.

DALLAS, TEXAS COTTON & COTTON OIL NEWS. 4- 1/26. (By Clarence Ousley)
* * * There is no use in trying to fool ourselves. We can maintain our foreign trade in cotton only by meeting world competition. * * * Egypt and India are limited by the total of their arable lands and Brazil can hardly expand more this year than she did last year. So we are not yet out of the foreign market. The point is that we are losing business and we are certain to lose more by pursuing our present policies. But these policies have been definitely approved, for this year at least, by an overwhelming majority of cotton producers. Hence those who believe that the policies are dangerous should address their objections to cotton farmers. It is vain to rail at Washington. A change of policy must be initiated by the people most concerned. The most hopeful indication of change lies in the discussion now conducted in responsible commercial and educational quarters. Most cotton farmers believe that consumption can be increased. It is important to convince them that the increase of foreign consumption can be promoted only by price competition. (19623*)

D A I R Y

Editorials

(2) Future Milk Policy.

HARTFORD, CONN. TIMES. ID. 3/2. * * * The price of milk is a sensitive subject among hosts of families. Price regulation, if it is to prove helpful to producer and satisfactory to the dealer must also clearly recognize the needs and demands of the consumer. * * * (723883)

(3) Milk Control Difficulties.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 3/6. Court decisions are making it increasingly evident that only through full co-operation between Federal and State Governments will it prove possible to set up an effective plan for the regulation of the marketing of milk. * * * (721867)

(4) Who Gets Money?

CHICAGO, ILL. PRAIRIE FARMER. -- 2/16. * * * The Chicago consumer pays 11¢ for a quart of milk. Too many people take a crack at that 11¢, so it is pretty near worn out before it (or what's left of it) gets back to the farmer. (Editor's note in Readers Column) (19716*)

G R A I N

Editorials

(1) Imports of Grain.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA TRIBUNE. I. 3/4. * * * The experience we now are having with imports serves as a lesson, or should be a lesson, concerning the importance of gearing production to demand. It is the first experience of this sort the country has had. Farmers and grain dealers complain bitterly about these grain imports. Maybe it has not occurred to them that processors have encouraged some imports to keep the price of domestic grains within the limits contemplated by the tariff. (19631*)

(2) The Wheat Pact Failure.

MINNEAPOLIS? MINN. JOURNAL. IR. 3/13. London says the international wheat pact is dead. * * * Too much was assumed prematurely, too much optimism spread about, over plans worked out on paper. The United States, Canada, Argentina, and Australia were the four countries principally involved. Each received an allocation of what it might export. But Argentina raised a big crop and would not come in for final cooperation. * * * (19692*)

L I V E S T O C K - P A C K E R S

News Columns

(3) Canada Sends Cattle to U. S.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. JOURNAL. IR. 3/11. Dominion halts exports to Britain, diverts it to America. (Chicago Tribune Dispatch, Montreal) * * * (19713*)

(4) Fight a Livestock Curb.

KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 3/9. A rein on production is opposed by Kansas Ass'n. The Kansas Livestock Ass'n went on record at the closing session of its 22d annual convention as being opposed to any sort of control program applied to cattle and sheep until such time as the country is faced with an apparent overproduction in such animals. In the same resolution the assn commended the Sec'y of Agric. for what it deemed an honest and diligent effort to promote the interests of the livestock industry and approved his action in not imposing so far any kind of a tax on cattle and sheep. * * * (19504*)

News Columns - Con

(5) Processing Tax Being Resisted.

LINCOLN, NEBR. STAR. I. 3/11. Western cattlemen say it would be unjust to them. * * * (19702*)

(1) Meat Packers Net Rises as Volume Drops.

CHICAGO, ILL. DAILY NEWS. I. 2/27. (By Herman G. Seely) Although domestic conditions in meat packing and dairy products are shown to be quite satisfactory from the price and sales standpoint, the month-end business conditions report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago carries ample testimony as to the changed conditions of these items in the export markets of the world. Not only did the movement of meats and meat products abroad fail to revive seasonally, but the bank listed importations of several items which are normally on the American export list. * * * The world craze for agricultural self-sufficiency has combined with the drought and the A.A.A. to produce some rather unexpected results for the American farmer. (19494*)

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Editorials - Pro(2) Modifying Tobacco Crop Control Plans.

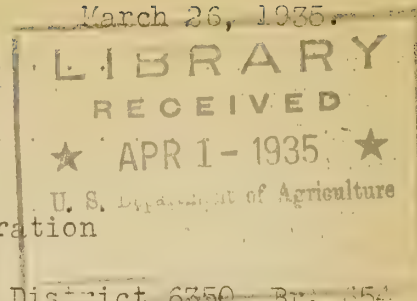
N.Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 3/6. * * * Enthusiasm for Federal crop control, following the advance in prices, appears to have run away with sane reasoning in the tobacco growing areas. * * * (721873)

(3) Less Tobacco, More Money.

LOUISVILLE, KY, COURIER-JOURNAL. I. 2/26. Once again it may be proved to the tobacco growers of Kentucky that a short crop brings more money than a heavy one. * * * Possibly the A.A.A. will consider reducing the processing taxes and the benefit payments to the farmers, yet, for the time being, requiring reduction of crop areas, under contract. There is every evidence that the price of tobacco will go still higher next winter, provided production is not increased. Whether the large benefit payments should be continued under the circumstances is questionable. (19635*)

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Editorials

- (1) The Tariff--Are We at the Turn of the Road?
DES MOINES, IOWA REGISTER. IR. 3/7. (By Harvey Irham.) * * * If the industrial East is now ready to come to the farm West with definite proposals to put the farm on the same level of prices as the industries, in so far as government intervention is concerned, a meeting ground ought to be easy to find, particularly if there is growing discontent with the New Deal. But if the industrial East hangs back, on the theory that discontent with the New Deal will bring the farm West into line again, who can look confidently to what will happen? (19750*)
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- (2) The South's Farm Peons.
BEAUMONT, TEX. ENTERPRISE. D. 3/7. * * * The South will heartily approve of Mr. Wallace's assertion that "The American way to preserve the traditional order is to provide these refugees of the economic system with an opportunity to build and develop their own homes on which they can make a modest living, year after year," thus creating a new bulwark against communism. (725445)
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- (3) The Virginia Farm Program.
MONTGOMERY, ALA. SOUTHERN FARMER. February 1935. * * * The Southern Planter urges all readers to support at all times the programs of their county agricultural agent and home demonstration agent. * * * Let these agents be our farmers' friends and advisors for the year to come-1935. (19868*)
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- (4) A.A.A. And The Farmer.
SALEM, ORE. JOURNAL. I. 3/6. * * * The A.A.A. has worked far more beneficially than the Hoover farm board scheme, which encouraged production by attempting to fix prices by purchases without regulation of output and thus brought on a surplus that smashed prices to record lows. Any scheme to benefit the farmer must rest on the basic law of supply and demand, which the A.A.A. recognizes. (725460)
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- (5) Farm Bloc Disappointing.
SIOUX CITY, IOWA TRIBUNE. I. 2/27. * * * Our farm bloc friends would serve the cause of agriculture by seeking to strengthen A.A.A. instead of pulling it down. It is highly important that the "farmers' tariff" which that measure provides shall be retained. * * * (19845*)
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- (6) Thinks the Farmers Are for the A.A.A.
DETROIT FREE PRESS. IR. 3/7. To the Editor: Noting Mr. Frank R. Kent's criticism of the A.A.A. and control of farm products, for the benefit of the farming industry, I would like to suggest that a lot of the Mr. Kents get into the farming game. I can think of nothing that would so successfully reduce production. * * * Farmers do not consider the A.A.A. a failure. They are decidedly for it, as the only means suggested to control production and raise prices. * * * (19725*)
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(1) Coming His Way.

RENO, NEV., JOURNAL. ID. 3/6. Consistently good news is finding its way to agriculture and the farmer these days. * * * The New Year started right. January showed an increase of ten million dollars that went into farmers' pockets compared with December. (725945)

(2) This Year's Benefit Payments.

NASHVILLE, TENN. SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST. March 1935. * * * The rental and benefit payments have been in the general interest as well as in the interest of the farmers who have been immediately helped by them. (19869*)

Editorials - Con

(3) "Pipe Dream" of the New Dealers.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 2/9. * * * We wonder if there is a single dirt farmer on this commission, or even one man who knows anything about the needs of the people over this vast tract of land. If we can not get more good common sense into our planning we wonder just where we are going. (19851*)

(4) The Speculator Absorbs the Loss.

N.Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/15. * * * At present bills are pending in Congress which would place the various commodity exchanges in a virtual strait-jacket to curb the activities of the speculators. This desire to eliminate the speculator seems to be due principally to the belief that, by selling the market short, he is responsible for large losses suffered by farmers, who thus receive lower prices for their products than they otherwise would. Will the Government bear in mind this recent illustration of the conservative function of the speculator when these bills are under active discussion? (727069)

(5) A.A.A. Extension Undesirable.

ALBANY, N.Y. KNICKERBOCKER PRESS. IR. 3/8. Opposition to proposed extension of the authority of the A.A.A. is expressed by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. * * * The activities of the A.A.A. have tended to reduce production. That is not the way to increase the wealth and prosperity of the nation. * * * A.A.A.'s activities should be reduced, rather than enlarged. (725463)

(6) The Logic of Mr. Wallace.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL. IR. 3/20. * * * Everyone can understand why a statesman would be interested in legislation designed to secure a more general and more equitable distribution of products, but destruction of natural wealth and the fruits of industry is so opposed to common sense that the average person will regard it only with aversion. (19866*)

(1) Ending the Processing Taxes.

N.Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/16. * * * The processing taxes represent in effect a subsidy to agriculture, paid specifically out of the proceeds of a regressive sales tax on consumers. As such, they constitute a very undesirable device from the fiscal standpoint. * * * During an emergency period, Senator George's suggestion that the subsidy to growers of agricultural staples be paid out of the works relief fund, rather than through the continued imposition of processing taxes, is constructive. It would furnish a breathing spell during which a careful reappraisal of our agricultural policies could be made, with a view to taking measures to encourage larger consumption of our cotton and foodstuffs, both at home and abroad. (727075)

News Columns

(2) Farmers Want Carriers Kept in Competition.

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/17. More desirable than co-ordination, is claim; A.A.A. plans supported. * * * (19731*)

(3) Foreclosed Farms to go to Unemployed.

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. D. 3/18. (Montgomery, Ala., AP)--* * * (19859*)

(4) 385 Farmers Found Idle in Every County.

RICHMOND TIMES - DISPATCH. ID. 3/7. There is an average of 385 farmers unemployed in every county in Virginia, two-thirds of whom may be considered permanently unemployed or practically so, according to the report of the Farm Placement Committee of the State Advisory Council of the Virginia State Employment Service. * * * (19727*)

News Columns - Pro

(5) Farmer Trade Rises Sharply.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 3/18. (Des Moines, Iowa--AP) Filling long deferred wants, since buying power is increased. * * * (19872*)

(6) Farmer is using Money for Repairs.

MADISON, WIS. CAPITAL TIMES. I. 3/18. (Porter M. Hedge, Des Moines--AP) Land selling higher; demand for tractors; milk machines jump. * * * (19864*)

(7) Horses Regain Value and Part of Lost Glory.

BOISE, IDAHO DAILY STATESMAN. R. 3/18. Idaho horsemen facing best market since 1920; rising prices forecast for future due to scarcity. * * * (19865*)

(8) Fertilizer Sales Reported As Heavy.

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. D. 3/17. Moultrie, Ga. * * * (19858*)

- (1) Dividends Come From Co-op Plan.
JACKSON, MISS. CLARION-LEDGER D. 3/15. Mississippi farmers receive total of \$27,321,892 in payments. * * * (360190)
- (2) Iowa Farmers and Business Men View Outlook With Hope.
DAVENPORT, IOWA TIMES. IR. 3/13. (360192)
- (3) Farm Outlook in East Tennessee Cheers Production Credit Board.
KNOXVILLE, TENN. JOURNAL. R. 3/15. * * * (360304)
- (4) More Farmers Keeping Books.
SIOUX CITY, IOWA JOURNAL. IR. 3/7. (Lincoln Neb.--AP) A.A.A. activities prove impetus to better records. * * * (19729*)
- (5) Crop Prospects for this Year Cheer Farmers.
CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 3/7. (By Frank Ridgway.) * * * (19721*)
- (6) Farm Prices Continue Up.
DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 2/10. 1934 rural income 40 Pct. above 1933. * * * (19850*)
- (7) Farm Tools.
WALL ST. JOURNAL. 2/25. Minneapolis-Moline in good position to take advantage of sales increase--cash above million * * * (19849*)
- (8) Farm Financing Peak Declared to be Past.
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 2/28. Omaha, Neb. --- (AP) * * * (19848*)
- (9) Iowa's Farm Income Soars to 43 Million.
DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 3/7. (By Richard Wilson, Staff Writer) * * * (19726*)
- (10) Favor 'Co-op' Farm Homes.
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 2/17. Subsistence homestead projects based on the co-operative farm principle were recommended for Milwaukee county by the committee of seven on subsistence homesteads. * * * (19846*)
- (11) Farmers Back Buying Again.
SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 3/5. Implement dealers report a flood of orders. * * * From all angles, it seems that the farmer has taken a new outlook on life and is supporting his hopes by buying the things he has needed for several years, but failed to get because of the lack of cash or uncertainty about the future. (19722*)

(1) Farm Skies Look Clearer.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 3/7. So far as finances are concerned, it looks as if agriculture were all set to go. An especially noteworthy indication is to be seen in the heavy reduction in the pressure of the farm mortgage. * * * Things are looking up not only for the number of the farmers' dollars but for the purchasing power of the farm dollar. (19728*)

(2) Farm Conditions Improve.

LINCOLN STAR. IR. 3/17. (Washington. AP) Less demand for loans in Nebraska says Hogan. * * * (19861*)

(3) Today, Where Do We Stand?

SUCCESSFUL FARMING. April, 1935. "Compare the state of agriculture and the Nation with those perilous days of February and March, 1933. The worst of the storm has been weathered; agriculture and the nation are well on the way to recovery." This note of optimism was struck by A. O'Neal, Pres. of the American Farm Bureau. * * * Farmers themselves are showing unmistakable evidence of encouragement. Too much cannot be said about the importance of maintaining a hopeful frame of mind. The well-balanced individual appreciates the necessity of seeing the bright side whenever possible. * * * (19867*)

(4) Against Exploitation.

BISMARCK, N.D. TRIBUNE. R. 3/14. (Hebron Herald) * * * For many years farmers have charged that prices of implements which they must have in their business are so controlled by monopolies that fair dealing can not be expected. * * * The agricultural interests of the Nation cannot better be served than by insuring that they are not made the victims of trust exploitation. (19871*)

News Columns - Con

(5) Changes in Eating Habits React Upon Farm Goods Sales.

DAVENPORT, IOWA TIMES. IR. 3/13. * * * (360193)

(6) Norman Thomas Bitter at Tenant Conditions.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. GAZETTE. ID. 3/15. (Marked Tree. AP) Ridicules Governor and other officials in eastern Arkansas addresses. * * * (360186)

(7) Says Tenant Issue National Problem.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. GAZETTE. ID. 3/13. Solution of differences between tenants and landlords in eastern Arkansas constitutes a national and not a local problem, Norman Thomas, Socialist party leader, said. * * * "Arkansas cannot solve this question alone," he said, "and I doubt if America can solve it except as part of a larger problem." * * * (358793)

(1) Iowa Senators Criticize A.A.A. in Resolution.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 3/9. (Des Moines, Ia.) (Special)--Sharp criticism of the A.A.A. was contained in a resolution passed by the Iowa Senate. Advocate limitation of farm imports. * * * (19724*)

(2) Hands off Farm Bill.

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 3/8. Missouri Senate rejects Frazier-Lemke Resolution. * * * (19734*)

(3) Imports Rising As U.S. Pays for Crop Reduction.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 3/10. (Frank Ridgway) American farmers, paid by the New Deal Administration to reduce their production, are finding a new obstacle to the program--increasing imports of foreign grown agricultural products. * * * At the same time New Deal officials are not pushing for higher tariffs on foreign agricultural products because this would handicap their efforts to lower duties on foreign industrial products. The result should bring more foreign-grown farm products into this country. Farmers may find it difficult to work that part of the puzzle into the picture of scarcity designed to increase farm prices. (19844*)

(4) Tighter Than Ever.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 3/18. (Madison Independent-Press) The newspapers of the state carried long stories regarding the liberalization of the feed regulations. * * * If the men who make these regulations would come out to this area instead of taking their cue from their investigators, we might have a chance for a fair shake. We need more common sense and less theory in the administration of relief. (19863*)

(5) Holding Company Bill in Muddle.

WASHINGTON STAR. I. 3/7. (David Lawrence) Protests from innocent investors in all parts of holding companies became law--have led to a shift of tactics on the part of the sponsors of the legislation. * * * (19736*)

FOOD PRICESEditorials

(6) Rising Food Prices.

NASHVILLE, TENN. SOUTHERN AGRICULTURIST. March, 1935. * * * All food prices have been going up for months. * * * (19870*)

(1) Food Prices.

DAVENPORT, IOWA. DEMOCRAT. D. 3/7. * * * Prices for farm products are up about 95 per cent from the low point of the depression--* * * (725211)

(2) Nature Takes A Hand.

HARTFORD, CONN. TIMES. ID. 3/6. * * * Crop failure or success seems sometimes to hang on a single raincloud. Obviously government planning cannot hope to calculate yield by anything like accurate estimate. * * * (725206)

Editorials - Con

(3) Farm Crops and Prices.

KALAMAZOO, MICH. GAZETTE. NP. 3/7. * * * It is quite logical and quite necessary for the A.A.A. Officials to give heed to the reaction which increased food prices are having on the family budgets of the nation. Those who can recall vividly certain popular outcries against "the high cost of living" in the past know very well that the collective voice of the country's household purchasing agents is a voice which must not be ignored. (725214)

(4) Prices Keep Going Up.

TERRE HAUTE, IND. STAR. R. 3/8. Whatever may be happening to the recovery program as a whole, the cost of living seems to be making an extremely successful comeback. * * * It is pretty obvious that the consumer is carrying more than his share of the load. (725213)

C O T T O NEditorials

(5) A Disturbed Cotton Industry.

KANSAS CITY, MO. STAR. I. 3/12. * * * The problem of the farm administration, the producers and the entire cotton industry will be to regain foreign markets by any workable methods that are available and at the same time, if possible, maintain domestic prices at remunerative levels. (727067)

(6) Killing King Cotton.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. UNION. R. 3/11. * * * Some well-informed observers predict that our export^{market} for cotton soon will be lost completely. * * * To some extent our losses in this respect antedate recent legislation, but a share of the responsibility must be charged to the New Deal in its persistent pursuit of fallacious economic theories. (727071)

C O T T O N

Editorials

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(1) The Debacle In Cotton.

N. Y. WALL ST. JOURNAL. 3/13. * * * Aiding the cotton producer and ignoring his market must lead to disaster. A way might be found to aid him while steps were being taken to open his foreign market provided we, as a nation, had the courage to face that problem. * * * (725233)

(2) What About Share-Croppers?

DALLAS, TEX. NEWS. ID. 3/12. * * * The one badly needed adjustment is being supplied in the setting up of a State Appeals Board, to which discontented growers can look for redress if they consider their allotment unfair. There have been numerous complaints of this kind, including charges that local committees were too dictatorial and arbitrary. (727073)

(3) Cotton Market Slump.

DALLAS, TEX. NEWS. ID. 3/14. * * * The time draws near when a definite long-term program for cotton should be announced by the Administration. Appreciable benefits have come from the emergency program. The revival of business in the South is proof of this. But reviving business has brought an end of the emergency, if the new business has a sound basis. * * * (727065)

(4) The First Part of Cotton Control.

HOUSTON, TEX. CHRONICLE. I. 3/8. The Bankhead act regulations now being announced are calculated to eliminate some of the worst evils developed in connection with enforcement of the act last year. * * * Thus far the Government control program has elements of wisdom in it. Whether the entire program will be wise or injurious remains to be seen. (726364)

Editorials - Con

(5) The Break in Cotton.

N.Y.C. TIMES. ID. 3/13. * * * With a present equity in no less than 5,500,000 bales of cotton--about half the entire production planned for 1935--the Government is doubtless in too deep to back out hurriedly. But it has plainly received a warning of the risks inherent in the policies it has pursued. (725473)

(6) Forcing Living Standards Lower.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 2/17. * * * What is happening to our cotton market? The A.A.A. subsidizes the planter and makes the price high, and other cotton producing nations invade our European market. Part of this market vanishes as these other producers expand their acreage. If some day we wake up and seek to regain it, we may find it's too late. * * * What Mr. Wallace might have emphasized even more is that America is choosing. When tariffs and other trade restrictions seem too complicated to worry about and we do nothing, or next to nothing, America is choosing just the same--choosing to let markets go. Doing nothing is making a choice. (19847*)

(1) Cotton Defies Pegged Price.

UTICA PRESS. I. 3/16. * * * The A.A.A., if it intends to continue its supervision or control over cotton growing in the United States and have the industry maintain its place in our international trade, will have to devise some different policy than that it is following or see American cotton displaced abroad by that of its competitors. The slump in cotton prices this week is probably due more to growing distrust in the program for saving the industry than to any other cause. (727986).

(2) In Land of Cotton.

KANSAS CITY, MO. JOURNAL-POST. I. 3/16. The South is becoming aroused by the effects of the A.A.A. cotton control scheme. Thousands of sharecroppers are homeless and starving or on relief. And the planters and brokers are alarmed by the loss of foreign markets to Brazil and other South American countries. * * * "Once a market is lost it is difficult to regain it," says A. Starke Taylor, Pres. of the Dallas Cotton exchange. "The A.A.A. is the biggest blunder the administration has made." Undoubtedly the A.A.A. has been a blunder. But one cannot off-hand give it top rank. There are so many other candidates for first place. (727988)

(3) Fighting the Processing Tax.

FALL RIVER, MASS. HERALD NEWS. I. 3/15 * * * The processing tax is draining the lifeblood of the cotton-spinning industry, both North and South. It has contributed to the closing of many large concerns employing thousands of skilled operatives and has been the factor which has closed many other plants in other sections of the country. * * * (728258)

(4) King Cotton is Nervous.

WASH. D. C. POST. I. 3/13. * * * There is a tendency to dismiss the break in cotton prices as the work of speculators, and to discount its implications because the 1934 crop is now largely out of the hands of the producers. * * * This attitude can be easily explained by the fact that the Government is holding as collateral a large quantity of cotton which is now worth less than the loans advanced against it. As a "good" speculator, the Government may suffer losses of the same type as those incurred by the old Farm Board. In these circumstances, it may not be easy to overcome opposition to adjustments in line with economic realities. (725477)

(5) Troubles of Planned Economy.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. MERCURY HERALD. R. 3/4. * * * Our dilemma is that the restriction program to raise prices shuts us out of foreign markets. Permanent loss of foreign markets for cotton and wheat appears imminent. (725207)

(6) More "Propaganda".

N. Y. C. HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 3/15. * * * It is obviously absurd to talk about cotton competition in the world markets being "propaganda." The Brazilian threat is a very real one: it is so real that this country can ill afford to continue for long what it is doing at the present time--holding an umbrella over the heads of Brazilian producers by maintaining artificial prices for American cotton. (726515)

(1) In the Land of Cotton.

NEWARK, N. J. LEDGER. NP. 3/13. * * * Instead of bettering a bad system, the cotton program of the A.A.A. has made matters worse. Some "sharecroppers" were dispossessed from home and occupation through the reduction program. * * * The A.A.A. is seen as a new "boll weevil" in the land of cotton. (736512)

(2) The Plight of Cotton.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. TIMES. IR. 3/14. Another tail-less and bedraggled New Deal chicken is limping home to roost with the decline in cotton prices. In the face of world conditions deliberately created by the A.A.A. cotton policy, not even the vast and complicated system of government crop-control, loans, subsidies and price-pegging can longer support the market without fresh extravagances. * * * If cotton alone were affected the situation would be bad enough. As the basis of one of the country's major chain of industries, however, its plight is one felt everywhere in the national economic structure. (727745)

News Columns

(3) Closer Tie-In of Agriculture and Industry.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 3/5. (Victor H. Schoffelmayer, Agricultural Editor of The News.) Lost cotton markets to result in co-ordinate effort to solve problems affecting Texas. May decentralize. Japan's expanding textile manufacture aid to state lint grower. (19739*)

(4) Champions of Sharecroppers Must Be Careful of Words to Dodge Laws in Arkansas. PHILADELPHIA RECORD. I. 3/8. Cotton belt of South in grip of 'Red' scare similar to one in California; land owners and municipal officials combat Union. * * * Did you ever hear of barratry? It is a criminal charge in Arkansas. It means to incite someone to a quarrel. Some of the Sharecroppers' more active friends have learned all about it. Arkansas is in the throes of a Red scare, not so extreme as that in California, and especially in the agricultural Imperial Valley, but it is following a rather familiar pattern. * * * (19740*)

News Columns - Pro

(5) World Mills to Use More U. S. Cotton.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 3/5. Rise in foreign line prices aids outlook for American farmer. * * * (19738*)

(6) South Needs Cotton Trade of Japanese.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 3/5. Now largest purchaser of U. S. lint and may buy more if amicable relations continue. * * * (19743*)

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News Columns - Con

- (1) Struggle for Existence by Cotton Mills.
BOSTON, MASS. TRANSCRIPT. IR. 3/14. Manufacturers of New England seeking way out of new crisis. * * * (360181)
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- (2) Butler Claims A.A.A. Competes with Industry.
MEMPHIS, TENN. PRESS-SCIMITAR. I. 3/9. C. W. Butler, past president of the Memphis Cotton Exchange, cited the A.A.A. as "an example of Government competition with private industry." * * * (358760)
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- (3) Case is Delayed; Sharecroppers' Union is Gaining.
N. Y. EVE. POST. IR. 3/14. (Norman Thomas -- Marked Tree, Ark.) -- A day in Arkansas reveals at once the greatest misery and the greatest hope. The misery not because it's Arkansas but because it is cotton country, where the policy of A.A.A., on top of the wretched plantation system, has resulted in an unknown number of evictions and in the degradation of propertyless men to levels scarcely to be matched in the modern world. The hope, because out of this misery white and colored agricultural workers to the number of 6,000 have formed into a remarkable union. * * * (358792)
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- (4) Cotton Loans Hurt Co-ops.
MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 3/7. (AP) (Little Rock) "Operations of the Government have almost completely upset normal marketing plans of the co-operatives," C.G. Henry, manager of the Mid-South Cotton Growers Ass'n., Memphis, said. "While it is true we have handled a lot of this Government cotton, our regular marketing plans have been completely disrupted. The cotton co-operatives have joined with the Government and are co-operating to their best ability to make the Government plan a success," Henry stated. * * * (19742*)
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D A I R Y

Editorials

- (5) Interstate Milk Conference.
PHILA. PA.; BULLETIN. IR. 3/11. * * * A pow-wow among the authorities of all States concerned in interchange of milk, for the purpose of canvassing the situation to determine what joint action is indicated, is distinctly in order. * * * (725217)
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- (6) Milk Farmers Urge Halt in Trade Pacts.
MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 3/15. Demand end of policy of "trading home market to sell abroad". * * * (19840*)
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Editorials - Pro

- (1) For Federal Milk Control.

TROY, N. Y. TIMES. R. 3/7. *** Federal legislation, which Congress has been considering for some time, seems to be the only way to regulate the distribution of milk and dairy products so as to eliminate cutthroat competition. * * * (725215)

- (2) Milk Producers and the A.A.A.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE. R. 3/7. * * * Any person familiar with the history of the dairy industry and who is at all acquainted with the facts will bear out my statement that the regulation under the provisions of licenses issued by the A.A.A. will enable the producers to exist and prevent the distributors from continuing their consistent policy of gouging. It would prove most unfortunate for the farmers in the event the statutes regulating the production and distribution of milk are not sustained by the courts. (19733*)

News Columns - Con

- (3) Ruling Dooms A.A.A. Control of Milk Price.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 3/5. Battered by seven adverse Federal court decisions, culminating in a ruling by the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, the Farm Administration is facing virtual abandonment of one of its major programs--that of controlling the price of milk paid to producers. * * * (19735*)

G R A I N

Editorial - Con

- (4) Shortage of Wheat Predicted.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH TRIBUNE. I. 3/8. * * * It may mean good prices for crops that survive, but the attendant hardship and scarcity will add to the depression of thousands of farmers and consumers. (725232)

News Columns

- (5) Farmers Back A.A.A. Contracts.

WICHITA, KANS. BEACON. I. 3/15. (Salina, Kans. AP) * * * Sentiment appeared about equal on a question asked by Cal Ward, president of the Kansas Farmers Union--"Would Kansas be in favor of compulsory control of wheat production?" (19839*)

- (6) Farmer Grain Dealers Seek New Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 3/14. (Chicago)--A new approach to the farm problem has just been taken. It contemplates doing for grains and other agricultural products what the scientists and research laboratories have done for the petroleum industry in developing new and improved products, new uses

and expanding markets. The farmers Elevators National Research Bureau is the name of the new agricultural enterprise. Its incorporation papers have been filed at Springfield. It has been launched by the Farmers National Grain Dealers Association after two years of study. * * * The new bureau proposes to aid the processor, such as the baker, in tackling his problems. Wider uses of cereals is one of its objectives and its purpose is to do for the grain grower what meat associations have done for meat raisers in popularizing various cuts. The second aim is a scientific approach to the job of getting new uses for field products through the laboratory method. (19841*)

News Columns - Con

(1) Protest A Wheat "Plot."

KANSAS CITY STAR. I. 3/8. (Washington)--Representatives from the heavy wheat producing states marshaled their forces for a final thrust to erect a legislative barrier to further official publication of what they describe as propaganda against human consumption of wheat. * * * (19842*)

L I V E S T O C K - M E A T P A C K E R SEditorials

(2) Selling Less for More.

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 2/23. The tragedy of the present farm situation, according to the president of one of the Kansas Farmers' associations, is that the farmer had to get rid of his livestock last summer on account of the feed shortage, and now he has nothing to sell to take advantage of the rising prices. * * * (19852*)

Editorials - Con

(3) You, Pork, Et Al.

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/9. * * * The A.A.A., convinced in its self-righteousness, will continue to look only at the theoretical benefit to the hog-raiser. (19843*)

(4) Planned Unemployment.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE. IR. 3/12. Hundreds of men have been laid off in the stockyards in recent weeks. More men, it is said, will be thrown out of work as time goes on. * * * There are fewer hogs to kill because the Administration in Washington bribed the farmers to destroy pigs and sows. Consumers are obliged to pay more for pork because of the artificial scarcity. That was the first consequence of the prosperity-through-scarcity theory. The second consequence is unemployment. * * * Wherever the blighting hand of the A.A.A. has rested the same result has been achieved. * * * The beneficiaries of all this destruction of jobs are the rural aristocrats who own their farms and get paid for not producing crops. Because they farm fewer acres they employ fewer

people and get better prices for what they grow. The victims are the consumers, the farm hands, the tenants, and all who are engaged in transporting and processing agricultural commodities. There is a widespread notion in this country that the New Deal is the friend of the obscure and the lowly. It is remarkable that this idea has persisted as long as it has in the face of the facts. (725210)

News Columns

- (1) Direct Buying of Livestock.
 WALLACE FARMER, DES MOINES, IA. Big increase shown in last few years.
* * * (19374*)
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- (2) Packer Control Act Drafted for Action in Iowa.
 DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 3/5. Strict standards for buyers provided in proposed statute. Regulation of livestock purchasing in Iowa by packers and dissemination of market information are provided in a direct stock buying bill drafted for introduction in the Iowa general assembly. The proposed legislation, which also would provide for standardizing grades of livestock in the state and in other ways seek to assure farmers prices which they might compare with those in other markets, was placed in the hands of the senate planning committee. * * * (19723*)
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- (3) Meat Famine Danger Slight.
 DES MOINES TRIBUNE. IR. 3/15. (J.S. Russell. Tribune Farm Editor)
But consumer's pork supply dwindles. * * * (19860*)
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- (4) 75 per cent of Packers' Income Paid Farmer, Says Greer.
 NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 3/9. (Wichita, Kansas) * * * \$3 out of every \$4 received by the packing industry for meat and by-products goes to the farmer who produced the meat, according to H.C. Greer, Chicago, of the Institute of Am. Meat Packers. After paying all costs and processing taxes the industry had profits of only about one-sixth of one per cent a pound of livestock handled. * * * (19732*)
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- (5) Mussolini's Agricultural Program a New Worry to Farming Nations.
 STOCKYARDS DAILY JOURNAL, ST. JOSEPH, MO. March 11, 1935. * * * The result will be stupendous, with an exportable surplus inevitable." (19873*)
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M I S C E L L A N E O U S

Editorial

(1) The Sugar Control Problem.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/8. * * * The chief problem presented by sugar control is the adjustment supply to demand in such a way as to avoid wide price movements in either direction. * * * If the power to adjust all quotas upward permitted by the control plan is used, great circumspection will be necessary in order to prevent unsettlement and sharp price declines. * * * (19720*)

News Column - Pro

(2) Co-operation Aids Florida Citrus Groups.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-UNION. ID. 3/17. (Tampa) That the cooperative movement is growing in Florida is evidenced by the fact that Florida Citrus Exchange associations have nearly doubled their volume of shipments this season, compared with last season, according to C.C. Commander, general manager of the Florida Citrus Exchange. * * * (19862*)
